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TO DIRECTOR

FROM SAC SAN DIEGO 180145

ADLAI EWING STEVENSON, SPI. REBURAD DECEMBER 16 LAST. ADMIRAL WILLIAM H. STANDLEY, US NAVY RETIRED, INTERVIEWED TODAY. STATED PERSONAL RELATIONS WITH STEVENSON LIMITED. NO ACTUAL CONTACT SINCE STANDLEY'S RETURN FROM RUSSIA WHERE HE SERVED AS AMBASSADOR. STANDLEY BELIEVES STEVENSON AT THIS TIME, 1943, WAS UNDER SECRETARY OF NAVY AND REQUESTED BRIEFING OF STANDLEY RE ACTIVITIES IN RUSSIA. RECOMMENDS STEVENSON WITHOUT RESERVATION OR QUALIFICATION AS LOYAL AMERICAN. HAS ONLY HIGHEST COMMENDATORY REGARD FOR HIM AS OUTSTANDING CITIZEN AND SERVANT OF GOVERNMENT. (u)

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URGENT 12-17-60 1-46 AM DFS  
TO DIRECTOR, FBI AND SACS, NEW YORK AND SPRINGFIELD  
FROM SAC, CHICAGO 161-11

ADLAI EWING STEVENSON, SPI. RE NEW YORK TELEPHONE CALL TO CHICAGO  
THIS DATE. [REDACTED]

CHICAGO,

ADVISED AT REQUEST OF BOARD OF TRUSTEES, BRADLEY UNIVERSITY, PEORIA,  
ILL., ON APPROXIMATELY NOV. FIVE NINETEEN FIFTYTWO HE INITIATED  
AN INQUIRY CONCERNING ALLEGED HOMOSEXUALITY OF DAVID OWEN, PRESIDENT  
OF BRADLEY. PRIOR TO LEAVING FOR PEORIA, CONTACTED ESTABLISHED SOURCE  
OF INFORMATION [REDACTED] CHICAGO, WHO HE THOUGHT HAD REPORTED  
THAT IN APPROXIMATELY NOV., NINETEEN FIFTYONE OR POSSIBLY EVEN NOV.,  
NINETEEN FIFTY A RAID WAS MADE ON A PLACE IN NEW YORK CITY AND SEVERAL  
HOMOSEXUALS WERE TAKEN INTO CUSTODY. REPORTEDLY ADLAI STEVENSON, THEN  
GOVERNOR OF ILL., AND DAVID OWEN WERE AMONG THOSE PATRONIZING THIS PLACE,  
ADDRESS UNKNOWN TO [REDACTED] DID NOT KNOW IDENTITY OF AGENCY WHICH  
MADE THIS ARREST AND OPINED THAT STEVENSON AND OWEN WERE NOT ACTUALLY  
ARRESTED AFTER THEIR IDENTITIES AS PROMINENT INDIVIDUALS WERE LEARNED.

[REDACTED] STATED BRADLEY UNIVERSITY BASKETBALL TEAM WAS INVOLVED IN A SCANDAL  
AT THAT TIME AND OWEN POSSIBLY IN NEW YORK IN CONNECTION WITH THE INVES-  
TIGATION OR TRIAL. SUBSEQUENT INQUIRY AT PEORIA VERIFIED FACT THAT

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Re: [REDACTED] to Rosen  
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OWEN WAS A HOMOSEXUAL AND APPROXIMATELY TWENTY DASH THIRTY DAILY REPORTS OF INVESTIGATION WERE SUBMITTED BY [ ] TO BOARD OF TRUSTEES DURING PORTIONS OF NOVEMBER AND DECEMBER, NINETEEN FIFTYTWO. [ ] MET WITH APPROXIMATELY ELEVEN MEMBERS BOARD OF TRUSTEES IN PEORIA APPROXIMATELY LATTER DECEMBER, NINETEEN FIFTYTWO AT WHICH TIME BOARD OF TRUSTEE DEMANDED AND RECEIVED OWEN-S RESIGNATION. [ ] STATED ALL COPIES OF DAILY REPORTS MAINTAINED BY [ ] WERE DESTROYED DURING NINETEEN FIFTY FIVE ACCORDING TO THEIR POLICY. HE TENDERED THE REPORTS TO A MR. DALE MORGAN, BRADLEY TRUSTEE, AND PROMINENT PEORIA ATTORNEY, THEN LOCATED FIRST NATIONAL BANK BUILDING, PEORIA. DALE MORGAN REPORTEDLY DIED APPROXIMATELY TWO DASH THREE YEARS AGO AND SON, CONTINUING THE LAW FIRM (u) MAY POSSESS REPORTS. ANOTHER TRUSTEE, FNU BLACK, PEORIA ATTORNEY, MAY POSSIBLY HAVE THESE REPORTS IF TRUSTEES HAVE NOT PREVIOUSLY DESTROYED THEM. [ ] STATED POSSIBLY THE OPERATOR, GREATER PEORIA CREDIT BUREAU, PEORIA, MAY HAVE FURNISHED INFORMATION IN CONNECTION WITH INVESTIGATION, HOWEVER, UNABLE RECALL SPECIFIC DETAILS OR SOURCE OF INFORMATION REGARDING ADLAI STEVENSON DUE TO LAPSE OF EIGHT YEARS SINCE INVESTIGATION. [ ] STATED THAT INTERVIEW OF BRADLEY UNIVERSITY BASKETBALL PLAYER INVOLVED IN BASKETBALL SCANDAL REPTED A NEW YORK DETECTIVE<sup>0</sup><sub>1</sub>

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HAD TOLD HIM IN SUBSTANCE QUOTE WHAT KIND OF STATE DO YOU HAVE IN ILLINOIS IN THAT YOUR GOVERNOR AND PRESIDENT OF YOUR UNIVERSITY ARE A COUPLE OF QUEERS UNQUOTE. IDENTITY OF SOURCE CONCERNING A HOMOSEXUAL RAID IN NEW YORK PROBABLY CONCEALED BY INFORMANT SYMBOL WHICH CAN BE IDENTIFIED BY [ ] IN EVENT REPORTS DISCOVERED. STEVENSON-S NAME AROSE INITIALLY DURING INQUIRY AND PURELY BY COINCIDENCE AND NOT PURSUED FURTHER

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[ ] DESIRED THE IDENTITY OF HIMSELF AND [ ] BE CONCEALED, HOWEVER, INTERPOSED NO OBJECTION TO HAVING THEIR IDENTITY DISCLOSED TO ANY MEMBERS OF BOARD OF TRUSTEES, BRADLEY UNIVERSITY [ ] SUBJECT OF BUFILE (u)

[ ] TITLE UNSUB., [ ]

DASH VICTIM, EXTORTION., AND BUFILE [ ]

[ ] ENTITLED PRESS ASSOCIATES, INC., [ ] INFORMATION CONCERNING AND MATTER ENTITLED [ ] DASH SF, AEAA, CONDUCTED APRIL, NINETEEN FIFTYONE. CHICAGO, SPRINGFIELD AND NEW YORK WILL CONDUCT NO FURTHER INVESTIGATION WITHOUT PRIOR BUREAU APPROVAL.

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TO DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM SAC, ST. LOUIS

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ADLAI EWING STEVENSON, SPI. REBUAIRTEL DECEMBER SIXTEEN,

SIXTY. ARTHUR J. RADIGE, FIVE TWO ONE CHAPEL ROAD, LEMAY,

MISSOURI, TEACHER, HANCOCK JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL, LEMAY, PART

TIME SALESMAN WEIL CLOTHING COMPANY, NINE THREE TWO FIVE

GRAVOIS, AFFTON, MISSOURI, ADVISED ON DECEMBER SEVENTEEN,

SIXTY, HE READ AN ARTICLE BY ADMIRAL WILLIAM H. STANDLEY

APPEARING IN ONE OF WASHINGTON D. C. NEWSPAPERS DURING LATE

SUMMER FIFTYTWO, ALLEGING REPORTS REGARDING COMMUNICATIONS

PERSONNEL IN MERCHANT MARINE WERE NEGLIGENTLY HELD UP IN

ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF THE NAVY STEVENSONS OFFICE AND NEVER

REACHED HIM. ADMIRAL STANDLEY ALSO WROTE A BOOK WHICH RADIGE

BELIEVED CONTAINED IMPORTANT DOCUMENTED INFORMATION CONCERNING

COMMUNISM IN MERCHANT MARINE. READ SEVERAL ARTICLES IN

VARIOUS UNRECALLED PUBLICATIONS REGARDING THE SMUGGLING OF

U. S. URANIUM TO RUSSIA BUT WAS UNABLE TO RECALL ANY

CONNECTION OF STEVENSON WITH THE MATTER. ADVISED HE READ

EXTENSIVELY FROM NUMEROUS PUBLICATIONS DURING ATTENDANCE AT

GEORGETOWN UNIVERSITY, FIFTYONE DASH FIFTYTWO FROM WHICH HE

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CONCLUDED STEVENSON WAS SYMPATHETIC TOWARD COMMUNISM, THAT ALL HIS INFORMATION WAS OBTAINED FROM SUCH PUBLICATIONS AND WAS NOT OF HIS OWN KNOWLEDGE, THAT HE MAY HAVE ERRONEOUSLY CONNECTED STEVENSON WITH SUCH MATTERS, THAT IN WRITING FBI HE WAS MERELY REPORTING HIS SUSPICIONS AS A GOOD CITIZEN, AS HE HAS OFTEN WRITTEN HIS SUGGESTIONS TO VARIOUS AGENCIES AND OFFICIALS, AND THAT HE HAS NO OTHER INFORMATION REGARDING STEVENSON. P.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

*Memorandum*TO : Mr. Rosen *from*

DATE: 12-18-60

FROM : C. H. Stanley *CHS*SUBJECT: ADLAI EWING STEVENSON  
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Drew Pearson, during his broadcast on the evening of 12-17-60 stated: "The FBI, believe it or not, has been investigating Adlai Stevenson to see if he is fit to be ambassador to the U. N. Stevenson ran for president twice, served as Governor of Illinois, with State Department and Navy, but he is still being probed by the FBI." (u)

We are conducting an investigation of Stevenson at the request of the Kennedy Administration. He has been designated by President-elect Kennedy as U. S. Ambassador to the United Nations.

ACTION:

None. For your information.

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Report of: SA HAROLD R. DOBSON                      Office: ST. LOUIS  
Date: December 19, 1960  
File Number: SL 161-14  
Title: ADLAI EWING STEVENSON

Character: SPECIAL INQUIRY

## Synopsis:

ARTHUR J. RADIGE, in letter to Director, FBI, April, 1955, suggested investigation of STEVENSON alleging report on Admiral WILLIAM H. STANDLEY contained STEVENSON's views regarding communists in communications network of Merchant Marine, and that curtain of secrecy was imposed on information concerning supplying uranium to Russia through communist channels while STEVENSON was in Navy Dept. On interview 12/17/60, RADIGE remembered writing letter, but was unable to recall contents. Recalled reading article by Admiral STANDLEY, Washington, D.C. newspaper late summer 1952 alleging reports regarding communications personnel in Merchant Marine were held up in Assistant Secretary of the Navy STEVENSON's office and never reached him. RADIGE advised that while attending Georgetown University, 1951-52 he read several articles in various unrecalled publications regarding the smuggling of U. S. uranium to Russia, but was unable to recall any connection with STEVENSON. From extensive reading during that period he reached conclusion STEVENSON was sympathetic toward communism, but all information was obtained from publications, not of his own knowledge and was merely a report of his suspicions as a good citizen as he has often done to other agencies and officials on other questions. (u)

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DETAILS: AT ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI

During April of 1955, the following letter was received by the Federal Bureau of Investigation, Washington, D.C.:

"St. Louis, Mo.  
April 22, 1955

"Mr. J. Edgar Hoover,  
Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Washington, D. C.

"Dear Mr. Hoover,

"As it is the procedure to carry out a complete investigation on the background of officials and candidates for high office in our government, Please check entirely into Mr. Adlie Stevenson's record when he was an Asst. Secty. of the Navy.

"I have talked with Admiral Wm. H. Standley and read his report on the views of Mr. Stevenson regarding communists in our communication network in the Merchant Marine and while I was attending Georgetown U- Adm. McGarkle former head of Merchant Marine tried to sound me out on what I knew about the affair. I understand he is quite a liberal. As you probably know Admiral Hooper passed away last week. He was retired because he was dissatisfied with Roosevelt & Truman appeasement of communists in our Navy communications. (u)

"Furthermore, I believe it was while Stevenson was in the Navy Dept. that a screen and secrecy curtain was placed on information concerning the affair of the Denver Chemical Firm's supply of uranium through commie channels to Russia - I understood the Navy Intelligence school at Boulder, Colo. knew about this- also, there is some indication that Canada's & Britian's reds where in on the activity.

"I belive that a candidate for such a high office should have a record without a flaw and should be investigated as to severe Socialist or Fassist leanings as well as communist, since all of these 'isms' are so related.

"I have confidence in your Department and sure hope we can push back the screen of subversion and see a clear field of American resoursefulness ahead.

"Respectfully yours,

"/s/ Arthur J. Rodige

## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date December 19, 1960

Mr. ARTHUR J. RADIGE, residence 521 Chapel Road, Lemay, Missouri, advised he was employed as a teacher at Hancock Junior High School, Lemay, Missouri and that he was also employed as a part-time sales clerk by the Weil Clothing Company, 9325 Gravois, Affton, Missouri. He further advised he had served in the United States Army from 1943 to 1946, Army Serial Number 37624460, and that he had been assigned as a Corporal T5 to General Headquarters at Manila and Tokyo. He advised he had subsequently attended Georgetown University during 1951 and 1952.

Mr. RADIGE advised he recalled having written a letter to the Director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation in the Spring of 1955, but stated he was unable at this time to recall its contents.

He advised that during the late summer of 1952 he had read an article by Admiral WILLIAM H. STANDLEY which appeared in one of the Washington, D.C. metropolitan newspapers alleging that reports regarding communications personnel in the U. S. Merchant Marine were negligently held up in the Office of Assistant Secretary of the Navy STEVENSON and consequently never reached Admiral STANDLEY. RADIGE also advised he had read a book by Admiral STANDLEY which he believed had contained important documented information concerning communism in the U. S. Merchant Marine. (u)

RADIGE recalled an Admiral MC GARKLE, first name unknown, as former head of the U. S. Merchant Marine who subsequently obtained a teaching position at Georgetown University, but was unable to recall any conversations with him regarding communism in the Merchant Marine or STEVENSON.

RADIGE advised he had read several articles in various unrecalled publications, probably between 1946 and 1948 regarding the alleged smuggling of U. S. uranium to Russia through U. S. and Canadian communist channels. He recalled that STEVENSON was Assistant Secretary of the Navy at that time, but was unable to remember STEVENSON's connection, if any, with the matter.

On 12/17/60 at 9325 Gravois, Affton, Missouri File # SL 161-14  
by SA HAROLD R. DOBSON/ra Date dictated 12/19/60

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Mr. RADIGE advised that subsequent to his discharge from the Army and particularly during the period of his attendance at Georgetown University, he read extensively from numerous publications which resulted in his reaching the conclusion that STEVENSON was sympathetic toward communism. He advised that all his information was obtained from such publication and was not of his own knowledge as he had never met STEVENSON and had never experienced any personal dealings with him. RADIGE advised that he might have erroneously connected STEVENSON with communism and with the matters mentioned in his letter, but that in writing the letter he had merely been reporting his suspicions as a good citizen. He stated he had frequently written his suggestions and suspicions regarding other matters of national interest to various other agencies and officials, both before and after his letter to the Federal Bureau of Investigation. He advised he had no other information concerning STEVENSON.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

## Memorandum

TO : Mr. Rosen

DATE: December 19, 1960

FROM : C. H. Stanley

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Memorandum Stanley to Rosen, 12/13/60, advised that in 1953 Kenneth Black, attorney and member of Board of Trustees, Bradley University, Peoria, Illinois, furnished information indicating that [redacted] had conducted an investigation at Bradley University at the request of the Board of Trustees.

According to Kenneth Black [redacted] report contained information from an undisclosed source indicating that David Blair Owen, President of the University, and Adlai Stevenson, former Governor of the State of Illinois, were members of an elite homosexual club in New York. [redacted] report was not made available at that time.

[redacted] Chicago, Illinois, advised on 12/16/60 he recalled initiating the above investigation in November, 1952. He stated their copies of the report were destroyed in 1955 according to Agency policy.

[redacted] recalled that prior to leaving for Peoria he contacted [redacted] Chicago, an established source of information who he believed had reported in 1950 or 1951 a raid was made on a place, address unknown, in New York City, and several homosexuals were taken into custody. Reportedly, Adlai Stevenson, then Governor of Illinois, and David Owen, were among those patronizing this place. [redacted] did not know identity of the agency which made the arrests and believed Stevenson and Owen were not actually arrested after their identities as prominent individuals were learned. [redacted] said the identity of the source of the above was probably concealed by an informant symbol in the report and could be identified by him in the event the report was located.

[redacted] stated copies of [redacted] report were tendered to Dale Morgan, Peoria, Illinois, attorney and a Bradley trustee, who reportedly is deceased. Morgan's son, who has continued his father's law practice, is a former Bureau Agent and may possibly have the report in question if it has not been destroyed. [redacted] also stated, Kenneth Black, above-mentioned, may possibly have a copy of the report.

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Memorandum for Mr. Rosen

INFORMATION CONCERNING [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] also known as [REDACTED] in 1953 was connected with Press Associates, Inc., a Chicago firm which sold communist activity information to private companies checking on character and loyalty of employees. Several sources have advised that in the 1930's his character and business ethics were poor. In 1953 the Chicago Office expressed doubt as to the accuracy of certain information on communist activity furnished by Press Associates to an industrial corporation. In 1953 the Chicago Office advised that [REDACTED] stated he had a high regard for the Bureau but would divulge names of his informants to the Bureau only if names of Bureau informants were given to him. In January, 1960, he was reported to be an organizer of the Park Forest Residents Association which opposed Negroes from becoming residents in the Park Forest, Illinois, area. [REDACTED]

INFORMATION CONCERNING KENNETH BLACK

Bureau files contain no additional identifiable information concerning Kenneth Black.

INFORMATION CONCERNING DALE MORGAN (REPORTEDLY DECEASED)

Dale Morgan appears to be identical with Harry Dale Morgan, Peoria, Illinois, attorney and former Bradley trustee. In 1953 he advised the Bureau that [REDACTED] had conducted an investigation at the request of Bradley trustees. At that time he furnished no information concerning the results of [REDACTED] investigation, other than to state that [REDACTED] report failed to indicate any subversive activity on the Bradley campus. His son, Donald Albert Morgan, was employed by the Bureau as a Special Agent from 1/43 to 8/45 when he resigned for personal reasons. His file contains no information which would preclude contacting him. (67-355903) (u)

RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. That [REDACTED] not be contacted at this time in view of the information set forth above concerning him.

Memorandum for Mr. Rosen

2. That the Springfield Office be instructed to contact Kenneth Black in an effort to locate a copy of [ ] report, unless their files contain additional information precluding such contact.

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3. That the Springfield Office be instructed to contact former Special Agent Donald Albert Morgan, in an effort to locate a copy of [ ] report, unless their files contain additional information precluding such contact.

4. That contact with the New York City Police Department be held in abeyance pending results of above interviews with Black and Morgan.

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TO: SAC, SPRINGFIELD

FROM: DIRECTOR, FBI

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ADLAI EWING STEVENSON, SPI. REURLET FEBRUARY NINE, ONE NINE FIVE THREE, QUOTES BRADLEY UNIVERSITY, PEORIA, ILLINOIS, DASH INFORMATION CONCERNING QUOTES YOUR REPORT DECEMBER NINE LAST, NEW YORK AIRTEL DECEMBER ONE SIX LAST AND CHICAGO TEL DECEMBER ONE SEVEN LAST. PEORIA ATTORNEY FNU BLACK, MENTIONED RE TEL APPEARS TO BE IDENTICAL WITH KENNETH BLACK MENTIONED RELET. DALE MORGAN MENTIONED RETEL REPORTEDLY DECEASED APPEARS TO BE IDENTICAL WITH HARRY DALE MORGAN MENTIONED RELET AND FATHER OF FORMER SA DONALD ALBERT MORGAN WHO RESIGNED BUREAU EMPLOYMENT IN AUGUST ONE NINE FOUR FIVE AND REPORTEDLY PRACTICING LAW AT PEORIA, ILLINOIS. HAVE EXPERIENCED AGENTS CONTACT KENNETH BLACK AND FORMER SA DONALD ALBERT MORGAN IN AN EFFORT TO LOCATE A COPY OF [REDACTED] REPORT MENTIONED IN RETEL. IN VIEW OF SENSITIVITY OF INSTANT INVESTIGATION INTERVIEWS SHOULD BE HANDLED IN DISCREET MANNER. NO LEADS SHOULD BE SET OUT WITHOUT PRIOR BUREAU APPROVAL. IN EVENT INFORMATION

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JFC:tjl Note: We are trying to locate [REDACTED]  
(3) Report submitted in 1953 to trustees of Bradley University Peoria, Ill., which reportedly contained info indicating that Stevenson, when Governor of Ill., was present at an unknown address in New York City when it was raided and several homosexuals taken into custody. Interviews with Black and Morgan approved and necessary in order that the original source of this info may be identified.

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TELETYPE TO SPRINGFIELD  
ADLAI EWING STEVENSON

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SUMMARY INTERVIEWS FOLLOWED BY REPORTS. (u)

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

*Memorandum*

TO : Mr. Mohr

DATE: December 19, 1960 *RG*

FROM : C. D. DeLoach

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In response to Mr. Stanley's memorandum to Mr. Rosen 12-13-60, I inquired of Fulton Lewis 12-16-60 as to any information he might have regarding Stevenson. Mr. Lewis checked his files and advised me that he had no information of substance whatsoever. He stated on one occasion he had received rumors that Mr. Stevenson was a homosexual. He assigned a member of his staff, Edward K. Nellor, to run these rumors down.

According to Mr. Lewis, Nellor was unable to substantiate these rumors. Nellor reportedly did interview the former Mrs. Stevenson who allegedly told him that the divorce between captioned individual and Mrs. Stevenson was necessitated by Stevenson's "queer friends." Mrs. Stevenson allegedly told Nellor that he could interpret these words in any manner he wished but out of consideration for her sons she would not make any further statements. Mr. Lewis stated that as a result of the negligible facts involved, the rumors concerning Stevenson were dismissed and not considered worthy of further investigation. (u)

ACTION:

It is suggested this memorandum be forwarded to the Investigative Division for information.

- 1 - Mr. Parsons
- 1 - Mr. Rosen
- 1 - Mr. Malley
- 1 - Mr. Stanley

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TITLE OF CASE <b>ADLAI EWING STEVENSON</b>		Report made by <b>GEORGE H. BYROM (A)</b>	Typed By: <b>sew</b>
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
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Admiral WILLIAM H. STANDLEY, U. S. Navy, Retired, at beginning of interview stated due to advanced age his memory was definitely failing. Advised unable recall portions of life and certain areas of activity. Possessed no information concerning alleged report on views of STEVENSON regarding Communists in our Communication Network in the Merchant Marine or any allied topic. (u)

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Title: ADLAI EWING STEVENSON

Character: SPECIAL INQUIRY

## Synopsis:

Admiral WILLIAM H. STANDLEY, U. S. Navy Retired, stated personal relations with STEVENSON limited. No actual contact since STANDLEY's return from Russia where he served as Ambassador. STANDLEY believed STEVENSON at this time, 1943, was Undersecretary of Navy and requested briefing of STANDLEY regarding activities and conditions in Russia. STANDLEY recommends STEVENSON without reservation or qualification as loyal American. Has only highest commendatory regard for him as outstanding citizen and servant of government. (u)

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## DETAILS:

Admiral WILLIAM H. STANDLEY, U. S. Navy Retired, 862 G Avenue, Coronado, California, advised that he was not personally acquainted with ADLAI EWING STEVENSON and that his actual contact personally with him was limited to one two or three hour visit when STANDLEY returned from Russia where he had served as Ambassador. According to Admiral STANDLEY, this meeting took place in approximately 1943, subsequent to STANDLEY's return from Russia, at which time he thought STEVENSON was serving as Undersecretary of the Navy.

He stated the interview was requested by STEVENSON in conjunction with his duties with the Navy and his desire to acquire pertinent and current information concerning

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activities and condition in Russia.

Admiral STANDLEY advised that in his opinion STEVENSON was acutely aware of world conditions and constantly desiring to enlarge this knowledge. Admiral STANDLEY has not engaged in any personal or written contact with STEVENSON since 1943. STANDLEY stated his present opinions relative to STEVENSON are based upon information obtained through news media and periodicals containing items referring to STEVENSON and his views. (u)

Admiral STANDLEY declared that he would recommend ADLAI EWING STEVENSON without reservation or qualification as a loyal American. He stated he has only commendatory regard for STEVENSON as an outstanding citizen and servant of government.

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TO DIRECTOR, FBI

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Rerep of SA JOHN W. SWANSON dated 12/14/60,  
at Washington, D. C.

Enclosed herewith is one copy of a signed  
statement furnished by Rear Admiral ADOLPHUS STATON,  
U.S. Navy (retired), furnished on 12/19/60.

No additional pertinent information ONI files,  
reviewed 12/19/60, by SA JOHN W. SWANSON.

No additional pertinent information files of  
the Office of Assistant Chief of Staff - Intelligence,  
Department of the Army, per checks of IC NORMAN A. NOLAN  
and IC MICHAEL J. MAHANEY, Jr. on 12/13 and 14/60.

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Washington, D. C.  
December 19, 1960

I, Rear Admiral Adolphus Staton, United States Navy (retired), 3807 Bradley Lane, Chevy Chase, Maryland, at the request of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, voluntarily furnished the following statement to John J. Gorman, who has identified himself to me as a Special Agent of the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

I am willing to appear before a Security Hearing Board in the presence of Adlai E. Stevenson and/or his counsel and to be questioned by them. (u)

I was retired from the United States Navy in 1937 but was recalled to active duty the day after Pearl Harbor to head a Board appointed by the Secretary of the Navy to pass on the security qualifications of radio operators aboard ship of the American Merchant Marine. The legal basis for the operation of the Board was a law passed by Congress the day after Pearl Harbor which provided in effect that radio operators in ships of the American Merchant Marine whose loyalty to the United States was doubtful should not be kept in their ships during the war emergency.

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The decisions of the Board were based on information concerning the radio operators as furnished by the Federal Bureau of Investigation, Office of Naval Intelligence and Army Intelligence.

The Board had no difficulties in getting rid of radio operators who possessed Nazi, Fascist or Japanese sympathies, but as soon as we began to recommend that some of those with communist affiliations be removed from their ships objections were raised by them and their attorneys.

Apparently the pressure not to consider membership in the Communist Party as evidence for dismissal by the Board extended even to the White House and Colonel Knox, who was Secretary of the Navy at the time (Spring of 1942), had Adlai E. Stevenson, who was one of his special assistants, look into the matter for him. I received a telephone call from Stevenson who said he would like to discuss some of the cases and when I arrived he had about six or seven of the cases before him of radio operators who had been dismissed by the Board for communist affiliations. Stevenson said that he had looked over the cases and stated "I don't think you fellows have anything at all on these people." I informed

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Stevenson that this was emergency legislation designed to protect merchant ships during the war and that we were not accusing those men of any offense but simply acting to protect the interests of the United States by indicating that their loyalty to the United States was sufficiently in doubt for them not to be trusted in American Merchant ships during war. Stevenson then closed the discussion with the comment "I don't think you ought to be too hard on the Commies.") *and it is P 20*

It was shortly thereafter that President Roosevelt initiated a memorandum which Secretary of the Navy Knox read to a conference held in his own office that membership in the Communist Party or suspected membership in the Communist Party was not to be considered as a basis for dismissing radio operators on ships of the American Merchant Marine. Secretary Knox stated that he considered this an order and that he wanted it obeyed. Shortly thereafter our Board stopped functioning. (u)

In the Spring of 1943 I received a telephone call from a representative of a House Committee investigating the Federal Communications Commission asking me to testify at a preliminary hearing concerning the administrative procedures of the Board which I headed.

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Although I was retired at the time, I thought it proper to obtain clearance from the Department of the Navy prior to testifying. On phoning the Navy Department, I was informed that Stevenson was handling the matter for the Navy Department. I phoned Stevenson who told me to go ahead and testify since I was on the retired list. When I returned to my business office from the preliminary hearing, there was a message for me to call Stevenson. When I called he stated "Orders from the White House! You are not to appear before the Committee." I informed him that I had just returned from the preliminary hearing and he again repeated the statement that orders from the White House were that I was not to appear before the Committee.

*Adolphus Staton*  
In regard to Stevenson's moral character and reputation, I have no reliable information in that regard.

I have read the above statement consisting of four pages and find it to be true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

/s/ ADOLPHUS STATON

Witness:

John J. Gorman, Special Agent,  
Federal Bureau of Investigation

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ADLAI EWING STEVENSON, SPI. DON A. MORGAN THIS DATE ADVISED HE COULD NOT RECALL SEEING ANY REPORT DEALING WITH ACTIVITIES OF DAVID BLAIR OWEN AND STEVENSON BUT DOES RECALL HIS FATHER, NOW DECEASED, MENTIONED SUCH REPORT HAD BEEN PREPARED. DON A. MORGAN NOW ATTORNEY FOR BOARD OF TRUSTEES, BRADLEY UNIVERSITY, CHECKED WITH BOARD MEMBERS AND DETERMINED ONLY ONE COPY OF REPORT HAD BEEN RECEIVED AND THIS WAS PLACED IN CUSTODY OF SENIOR MR. MORGAN. AT TIME OF INTERVIEW DON MORGAN CALLED HIS BROTHER, ROBERT D. MORGAN, ATTORNEY AND FORMER MAYOR OF CITY OF PEORIA AND MEMBER OF BRADLEY BOARD OF TRUSTEES, INTO CONFERENCE. ROBERT MORGAN SAID HE HAD DEFINITE RECOLLECTION OF REVIEWING REPORT DEALING WITH ACTIVITIES OF MEN MENTIONED. REPORT WAS FOUND IN HIS FATHER-S EFFECTS AND MORGAN HAS DEFINITE RECOLLECTION OF DESTROYING REPORT AFTER OWEN WAS KILLED IN WASHINGTON, D. C. ROBERT D. MORGAN RECALLED REPORT

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WAS APPARENTLY RESULT OF SURVEILLANCE OF OWEN AND CONTAINED  
MENTIONED OF MEETING BETWEEN OWEN AND STEVENSON IN CHICAGO BUT  
PURPOSE OF MEETING WAS NOT EXPLAINED. KENNETH W. BLACK OUT OF  
TOWN, PROBABLY AVAILABLE FOR INTERVIEW WEDNESDAY, DEC. TWENTYONE  
NEXT, M ON WHICH DATE HE WILL BE INTERVIEWED AND REPORT SUBMITTED.  
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REFERENCES: Bureau teletypes, 12-17-60, 12-19-60, and 12-20-60.

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ADMINISTRATIVE DATA: KENNETH BLACK, DON MORGAN, and ROBERT MORGAN, lawyers, advise they had no objection to the disclosure of their identities, but pointed out the information they were furnishing was merely hearsay.

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Synopsis:

DONALD A. MORGAN recalled an investigative report on the activities of DAVID OWEN, President of Bradley University, was prepared some years ago by a private detective agency, but never saw report and was never officially advised of its contents. ROBERT D. MORGAN, a member of the Board of Trustees of Bradley University, came into possession of the report through his father, said he read the report some years back, but has since destroyed the report. He recalled a portion of the report setting out results of a meeting between OWEN and STEVENSON in Chicago. Details of meeting not recalled. He did not recall that report set out any information about any possible meeting between OWEN and STEVENSON in New York City, nor did he recall information concerning their possible involvement in any vice raid. KENNETH BLACK, also a Board member of the University, said he saw the report and knew it contained a reference to a New York club organized for homosexuals, to which OWEN and STEVENSON allegedly belonged and information that STEVENSON and OWEN were caught in a vice raid but not arrested when their identities as individuals of prominence were disclosed. BLACK said OWEN claimed strong friendship between him and STEVENSON. After basketball scandals and the inquiry following them, OWEN admitted to BLACK and other Board members that he "had known both boys and girls" and admitted to BLACK that while in New York City he committed some of the worst acts of his life. (u)

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Date December 21, 1960

DONALD A. MORGAN identified himself as an attorney and a former Special Agent of the Federal Bureau of Investigation. His office is in the First National Bank Building, where he and his brother have succeeded to the law practice of his deceased father, HARRY DALE MORGAN.

DONALD A. MORGAN advised he is an attorney for the Board of Trustees at Bradley University, Peoria, Illinois, that his father was a former "life member" of the Board of Trustees, and that at present, his brother, ROBERT D. MORGAN, an attorney and who is the former mayor of the City of Peoria, is a "term member" of the Board of Trustees. In all he said there are fourteen trustees now serving on the Board.

DONALD A. MORGAN stated he knows that some years ago a private investigative agency undertook to supply the Board of Trustees of Bradley University, with a report on the activities of DAVID BLAIR OWEN, who then was President of Bradley University. He said he recalled that a report had been submitted.

However, DONALD A. MORGAN said that to his knowledge, he never saw the report and was never officially informed as to its contents either directly or indirectly.

MORGAN said he would contact KENNETH BLACK, an attorney and another member of the Board of Trustees of Bradley University, as well as other members of the Board, to see if he could locate a copy of the report by the private investigative agency, as it was his recollection that the report formerly in the possession of his father, had been destroyed by his brother, ROBERT D. MORGAN. (u)

Subsequently he advised that KENNETH BLACK told him he could recall receipt of only one copy of the investigative report and that this copy had been placed in the hands of the senior Mr. MORGAN for safekeeping.

MORGAN said he also contacted WALTER V. MC ADOO, Vice President of the Keystone Steel & Wire Company, and GEORGE LEUTHY, President of the Commercial National Bank of Peoria, both of whom still are members of the Board of Trustees of Bradley University and both men expressed to him it was their recollection that only one copy of the report had been received from the investigative agency and this had been placed in the hands of the

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three Board members who were lawyers, for safekeeping.

DONALD MORGAN identified these lawyer members of the Board as Mr. MORGAN, SR., now deceased, KENNETH BLACK, and J. T. HUNTER, now deceased.

DONALD MORGAN quoted KENNETH W. BLACK as saying the report as read before the Board of Trustees, contained a statement that both DAVID OWEN and STEVENSON belonged to a club or organization in New York City that was highly suspected of having been formed for liaison between homosexuals or to afford actual meetings between sexual perverts. The name and location of the club and its method of operation, if set out and explained in the report, was not recalled by BLACK at the time of this conversation between DON MORGAN and BLACK. (u)

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At the time of interview with DONALD A. MORGAN, he called his brother, ROBERT D. MORGAN, to join the interview at which time ROBERT D. MORGAN furnished information as follows:

He said that when going over the personal effects left in the office safe at the time of his father's death, he found a report from [redacted] setting out some information concerning DAVID BLAIR OWEN who, at the time of the report, was president of Bradley University, at Peoria, Illinois. A few months ago OWEN died and shortly after his death, ROBERT D. MORGAN accidentally discovered the report again, and it is his present recollection that he destroyed the report along with other material from the safe in his father's office. b7D

ROBERT D. MORGAN read the report when he first found it. He does not recall rereading it when he found it the second time as it was of no interest to him. He recalled the report apparently set out the results of a surveillance of OWEN for about a two or three week period. The time of the report could not be recalled but MORGAN said that of necessity the time would closely predate OWEN's enforced resignation from the presidency of Bradley University. MORGAN said he recalled that STEVENSON, Governor of the State of Illinois, was mentioned in the report as an associate of OWEN, and the report reflected a meeting between OWEN and STEVENSON in Chicago, Illinois. The time, place, and purpose of this meeting, if it was set out in the report, could not be recalled by MORGAN. (u)

MORGAN said the material concerning OWEN and his activities as set out in the report was very incriminating, and the serious board action of forcing OWEN's resignation from the presidency of the university must have been due either to additional information contained in the report and removed prior to his reading of the report or due to information received from sources extraneous to this particular report.

MORGAN said he had no personal knowledge concerning OWEN or his associates or activities.

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KENNETH W. BLACK identified himself as an attorney with offices in the First National Bank Building in Peoria, Illinois, and as a member of the Board of Trustees of Bradley University.

He furnished the following information:

Some years ago as a member of the Board of Trustees of Bradley University at Peoria, Illinois, he was keenly interested in recurring rumors to the effect that DAVID OWEN, then president of Bradley University, was a homosexual. He was a friend of OWEN and respected his administrative capabilities and personally discussed the existence of these rumors with OWEN.

OWEN denounced the rumors, said they were completely false, utterly baseless and senseless, and absolutely ridiculous, and to point out how ridiculous the rumors were, OWEN said the same rumors were being circulated about Governor STEVENSON who was a good friend of his and whom he definitely knew to be a man above reproach.

OWEN even discussed with BLACK the advisability of marriage to a girl with whom he was then keeping company in order to disprove these rumors. BLACK believes the girl to whom reference was made is the same woman who later married OWEN. (u)

Because of the persistence of the rumors concerning OWEN's addiction to homosexuality, BLACK along with other board members requested a private investigative agency to check on OWEN's activities. BLACK believes he made the suggestion to include in the reports any known contacts with STEVENSON because OWEN's constant reference to STEVENSON and STEVENSON's virtues and as a man above suspicion and reproach in itself generated suspicion in his mind concerning STEVENSON.

Subsequently, a report concerning some 20 to 30 days of OWEN's activities was received. BLACK believes the report was developed by

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Only a single copy of the report was received. The board members suggested the report be kept in the custody of the three lawyer members for security purposes, and these three among themselves decided to leave the report in the custody of HARRY DALE MORGAN. BLACK said he last saw the report when it was given to Mr. MORGAN.

BLACK said he recalled definitely that the report contained information regarding a club or organization in New York City apparently made up of or constituted of homosexuals for the purpose of affording liaison between homosexuals or for the purpose of actually placing homosexuals in contact with each other. The name, location, and method of operation of the club, if it was set out in the report, is not recalled.

The report also contained a statement indicating the club was raided by a vice squad, probably from New York City, and that OWEN and STEVENSON were caught in the raid; however, when their identities as individuals of prominence were made known, they were not arrested.

Following receipt of [redacted] report, BLACK had a conversation with OWEN in the presence of L. J. FLETCHER, now a retired Caterpillar Tractor Company officer, and WALTER V. McADOO, vice president of the Keystone Steel and Wire Company, both of whom were trustees on the Board of Trustees of Bradley University. In this particular conversation, OWEN admitted to these men that he "had known both boys and girls", and the admission was made in such a way as to indicate to all parties to the conversation that the contact between OWEN and the boys and girls was perverted in form. (U) b7D

BLACK called attention to the fact that a Judge STREET (phonetic) in New York City conducted inquiry into the basketball scandal, and the prominent Bradley University basketball team was included as a subject of inquiry. OWEN was expected to go to New York City for some phase of the inquiry but was extremely hesitant. OWEN told BLACK he was hesitant about going because he feared he would get into difficulty concerning his personal activities. He also told BLACK that one [redacted] a member of the Bradley basketball team, had threatened to expose OWEN as a homosexual if he did not go to New York City and do his best to defend the members of the Bradley team. b6 b7C



OWEN also told BLACK that while he had been in New York City on previous occasions he had been guilty of the most despicable acts in his life and he apparently feared exposure as a homosexual and pervert if he went back to New York.

BLACK said that from the manner of OWEN's conversation at the time, he inferred that OWEN feared exposure as a pervert by Judge STREET, and it was his opinion that the records of the inquiry conducted by Judge STREET and his court would contain background information concerning OWEN and his associates. (u)

BLACK said that in conversation with OWEN he learned that FULTON LEWIS, Jr., a prominent radio commentator, was apparently attempting to develop information concerning both STEVENSON and OWEN. BLACK did not know the extent of the information accumulated by LEWIS and had no reason to make inquiry.

BLACK also recalled that OWEN told him that STEVENSON's wife on several occasions referred to his "queer friends".

BLACK said the foregoing information represented all he could recall about the report.

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## Memorandum

TO : Mr. Rosen

DATE: 12/22/60

FROM : C. H. Stanley

SUBJECT: ADLAI EWING STEVENSON  
SPECIAL INQUIRY

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In 1953 [redacted] allegedly submitted a report to the Trustees of Bradley University (BU), Peoria, Illinois, containing information concerning Stevenson and former BU President, David Owen. They were reported to be present when a raid was made by the "Queens Morals Squad," or the "State's Attorney," Queens, New York, on an unknown place in New York City, and a number of homosexuals were arrested. Owen, now deceased, an admitted homosexual, also advised BU Trustee he did the "most despicable things in his life while in New York City," apparently referring to acts of perversion.

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[redacted] and BU copies of the above-mentioned report have been destroyed.

My memorandum of 12/19/60 indicated [redacted] possibly may have furnished the above information, but in view of information in Bureau's files concerning [redacted] contact with him at this time is not desirable.

Kenneth Black, former BU Trustee, advised records of Judge Saul S. Streit, New York City, whose court conducted inquiry into college basketball frauds, may contain background information on Owen. (u)

INFORMATION CONCERNING JUDGE SAUL S. STREIT

An investigation of Judge Saul S. Streit in 1935, when he was being considered for appointment as U. S. District Judge in New York, showed there was a wide variety of opinion concerning him. Some persons did not consider him to be an outstanding lawyer and felt there were men better qualified for the Federal bench. Thomas Dewey considered Streit to be a "cheap politician of the lowest order, subservient to the wishes of Tammany Hall." (77-8487) In 1951, as judge of Court of General Sessions, New York City, he angrily denounced commercialism in college sports and sentenced five basketball players in connection with the widely publicized basketball fix. In 1952 he accused mental experts, including those of the Veterans Administration, of foisting dangerous maniacs on the public with the most dire consequences. In 1957 he was a judge in the New York State Supreme Court. (62-22985-A; 62-50325-A, NYHT, 3-2-57)

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RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. That Judge Streit not be contacted at this time in view of the information set forth above concerning him.

2. That the New York Office be authorized to make discreet inquiry through appropriate reliable sources, in an effort to resolve this matter. One such source may be Stephen P. Kennedy, Commissioner, New York City Police Department, with whom we enjoy cordial relations. If authorized, New York will be instructed to control its inquiries in order that embarrassment may be avoided. (u)

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TO DIRECTOR, FBI 8 AND SACS CHICAGO AND SPRINGFIELD  
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TWO, NY HAS NOW LOCATED A QUOTE SQUIB UNQUOTE DATED APRIL SEVEN-  
TEEN NINETEEN FIFTY TWO WHICH READS AS FOLLOWS.. QUOTE [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] WHO HAS BEEN ASSIGNED TO THE NEW YORK DISTRICT  
ATTORNEY-S OFFICE FOR [REDACTED] YEARS AND WHO IS [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] HAS FURNISHED THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION ON A  
STRICTLY CONFIDENTIAL BASIS.. [REDACTED] SAID THAT LAST WEEK HE WAS  
ASSIGNED TO GO TO PEORIA, ILLINOIS AND BRING TO NEW YORK THE  
BRADLEY BASKETBALL PLAYERS WHO ARE UNDER INDICTMENT FOR A BASKET-  
BALL FIX. HE SAID HE CONTACTED THE PEORIA POLICE DEPARTMENT IN THIS  
CONNECTION AND THEY TOLD HIM THERE WERE TWO OFFICIALS IN THEIR  
STATE WHO WERE NOTHING BUT TROUBLE TO LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS.  
ONE WAS THE PRESIDENT OF BRADLEY UNIVERSITY, DAVID B. OWEN, AND  
THE OTHER WAS GOVERNOR ADLAI STEVENSON. ONE OF THE BASKETBALL  
PLAYERS WHOM [REDACTED] BROUGHT BACK TO NEW YORK WAS ARRESTED IN THE  
HOUSE OF PRESIDENT OWEN WHERE HE WAS BEING HIDDEN OUT FROM THE  
OFFICERS. WHEN THE PLAYER WAS ARRESTED, PRESIDENT OWEN CARRIED  
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YORK, THEY ADVISED [REDACTED] THAT THE TWO BEST KNOWN HOMOSEXUALS IN THE STATE WERE PRESIDENT OWEN AND GOVERNOR STEVNSON, AND THAT STEVENSON WAS WELL KNOWN AS QUOTE ADELINE UNQUOTE. THE BASKETBALL PLAYERS WERE OF THE OPINION THAT STEVENSON WOULD NOT RUN FOR PRESIDENT BECAUSE OF THIS UNQUOTE. [REDACTED] IS NOW RESIDING AND EMPLOYED IN NY AREA. FOREGOING INFORMATION FURNISHED TELEPHONICALLY TO BUREAU. BUREAU INSTRUCTS THAT NO INVESTIGATION BE CONDUCTED WITHOUT SPECIFIC BUREAU REQUEST.

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TO DIRECTOR 171

FROM SAC NEW YORK 161-17 2 P.

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ADLAI EWING STEVENSON., SPI. REBUTELPHONE CALL TO NY DEC. TWENTY TWO. FIRST DEPUTY POLICE COMMISSIONER JAMES R. KENNEDY CONTACTED THIS DATE IN ABSENCE OF COMMISSIONER STEPHEN KENNEDY, NYCPD. DEPUTY COMMISSIONER MOST COOPERATIVE AND AWARE OF NEED OF HANDLING THIS MATTER ON EXTREMELY CONFIDENTIAL BASIS. ADVISED THAT HE IS NOT COGNIZANT OF ANY INCIDENT INVOLVING OWENS AND STEVENSON. STATED HIS INDICES WOULD NOT CONTAIN REFERENCE TO THIS MATTER. HE ADVISED THAT THERE IS NO QUOTE STATES ATTORNEY-S OFFICE UNQUOTE OR QUOTE QUEEN-S MORAL SQUAD UNQUOTE. STATED THAT SPECIAL SQUAD WOULD HANDLE INVESTIGATION OF VICE, OR INDIVIDUAL ARRESTS MIGHT BE MADE BY DETECTIVES ON A PRECINCT LEVEL. HE SAID THAT HE FEELS SURE THAT IF PERSONS OF PROMINENCE WERE FOUND UNDER CIRCUMSTANCES MENTIONED, HE WOULD BE AWARE OF THIS FACT. FURTHER STATED THAT NYCPD DOES NOT AS A PRACTICE RAID APARTMENTS OR PRIVATE PROPERTY IN THIS TYPE CASE BECAUSE OF IMPOSSIBILITY OF PROSECUTION. COULD RECALL ONLY ONE RAID ON A QUOTE CLUB UNQUOTE WHICH WAS A LOCAL TAVERN FREQUENTED BY HOMOSEXUALS. THIS OCCURRED LAST YEAR AND POLICE ACTION RESULTED IN LOSS OF LIQUOR LICENSE. HE PERSONALLY PARTICIPATED IN THIS RAID AND APPOINTEE WAS NOT INVOLVED. HE SAID THAT, SINCE NO ARRESTS.

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WERE MADE, /ALLEGEDLY/, IT IS IMPROBABLE THAT ANY RECORD WILL BE FOUND IN POLICE FILES. DEPUTY COMMISSIONER KENNEDY VOLUNTEERED TO HAVE ALL VICE ARREST RECORDS FOR A SPECIFIED PERIOD OR AREA BROUGHT INTO HIS OFFICE FOR CONFIDENTIAL REVIEW. HE ALSO VOLUNTEERED TO HAVE ALL COMMANDING OFFICERS WHO HAD BEEN IN CHARGE OF THIS TYPE POLICE WORK PERSONALLY INTERVIEWED BY HIS OFFICE. WITH RESPECT TO INTERVIEWS SUGGESTED THAT UNLIKELY FOR OFFICER TO ADMIT HAVING RELEASED ANY INDIVIDUAL FOUND IN A RAID SINCE THIS IS CONTRARY TO POLICE PROCEDURES. DEPUTY COMMISSIONER KENNEDY WILL TAKE NO ACTION IN REGARD TO ABOVE POSSIBILITIES UNLESS SPECIFICALLY REQUESTED TO DO SO. HE ADDED THAT THE NATURE OF THIS INQUIRY WILL NOT LEAVE HIS OFFICE. IN CONNECTION WITH THE MENTION OF QUOTE STATE-S ATTORNEY-S OFFICE UNQUOTE HE RECALLED THAT AN INVESTIGATION OF BRIBERY INVOLVING PLAYERS ON BASKETBALL TEAM, BRADLEY UNIVERSITY, WAS CONDUCTED BY OFFICE OF DISTRICT ATTORNEY FRANK HOGAN. MENTIONED POSSIBILITY THAT INFORMATION CONCERNING RAID OR RAID ITSELF MIGHT HAVE BEEN CONDUCTED BY DA-S OFFICE IN CONJUNCTION WITH BRIBERY INVESTIGATION. FRANK S. HOGAN, DISTRICT ATTORNEY, NY COUNTY, AND FRANK D. O-CONNOR, DISTRICT ATTORNEY, QUEENS COUNTY, HAVE BEEN CORDIAL WITH THIS OFFICE. IT IS BELIEVED THAT THIS MATTER COULD BE HANDLED WITH EITHER ON A CONFIDENTIAL BASIS. NO FURTHER ACTION BEING TAKEN BY NEW YORK UACB. (u)

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

## Memorandum

TO : Mr. A. Rosen *RAS*

DATE: 12-23-60

FROM : C. H. Stanley *CHS*SUBJECT: SPECIAL INQUIRIES - ADLAI EWING STEVENSON  
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At approximately 3:50 p.m., 12-23-60, SA Warren Marchessault of the New York Office telephonically furnished the following information concerning material located in the files of the New York Office: (Quoted from a squib prepared by the New York Office to the Director. It is dated April 17, 1952.)

"Mr. Hoover:

[redacted] who has been assigned to the New York District Attorney's Office for [redacted] years and who is [redacted]

[redacted] has furnished the following information on a strictly confidential basis:

[redacted] said that last week he was assigned to go to Peoria, Illinois, and bring to New York the Bradley basketball players who are under indictment for a basketball fix. He said he contacted the Peoria Police Department in this connection and they told him there were two officials in their State who were nothing but trouble to law enforcement officers. One was the president of Bradley University, David B. Owen, and the other was Governor Adlai Stevenson. One of the basketball players whom [redacted] brought back to New York was arrested in the house of President Owen where he was being hidden out from the officer. When the player was arrested, President Owen carried on like an hysterical woman.

"In bringing the players back to New York, they advised [redacted] that the two best known homosexuals in the State were President Owen and Governor Stevenson,

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and that Stevenson was well-known as  
'Adeline.' The basketball players were of  
the opinion that Stevenson would not run  
for President because of this."

"Edward Scheidt"

RECOMMENDATION:

None. This is for information. Mr. Marchessault  
was instructed to not contact either [redacted] or  
[redacted] in the absence of instructions  
from the Bureau.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM: SAC, WFO (161-22)

ADLAI EWING STEVENSON  
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Re WFO airtel dated 12/19/60.

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Enclosed for the Bureau is one copy of amended page three of the signed statement of Admiral STATON.

Admiral STATON contacted WFO subsequent to furnishing the signed statement, referred to in the referenced airtel, and advised that his statement should be amended to include the following sentence:

"Stevenson then closed the discussion with the comment 'I don't think you ought to be too hard on the Commies.' "

Admiral STATON was contacted on 12/27/60, and the above-mentioned sentence was inserted in his signed statement on page three and initialed by him.

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# Memorandum

TO : Mr. Rosen *R*

DATE: 12/29/60

FROM : C. H. Stanley *CHS*

SUBJECT: ADLAI EWING STEVENSON  
SPECIAL INQUIRY

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## SYNOPSIS

## BACKGROUND:

Stevenson's designation by President-elect Kennedy as U. S. Ambassador to the United Nations (UN) has received wide publicity. Investigation ordered 12/8/60. Case complete except check of records at [redacted]

## INFORMATION INCLUDED IN SUMMARY:

Stevenson, an attorney, is former Governor of Illinois and twice unsuccessful candidate for President. He is a controversial figure, described by many as loyal, competent, of good character, and would make a good Ambassador to the UN. Others questioned his ability to "stand up" to Soviet officials. (u)

He has been affiliated with several communist fronts and furnished a deposition attesting to good reputation of Alger Hiss at Hiss' trial in 1949. He was accused of "soft" attitude towards communists in Merchant Marine when Special Assistant to the Secretary of the Navy in World War II. His "ghost writers" reportedly include John Hersey, formerly of "Time" magazine, James Wechsler, Editor, "New York Post," concerning whom Bureau files contain subversive information, as well as John Kenneth Galbraith, Harvard professor.

Stevenson, according to confidential informants, was favored by the Communist Party (CP) as Presidential candidate and is on friendly terms with Cyrus Eaton, Cleveland, Ohio, industrialist, and high Soviet officials.

Stevenson's ex-wife does not recommend him and described him as totally unfit for a position of trust. She furnished no information questioning his sexual behavior.

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Re: Adlai Ewing Stevenson

INFORMATION INCLUDED IN TRANSMITTAL LETTER ONLY:

Allegation of Homosexuality

Information has been received indicating Stevenson and former President of Bradley University, Peoria, Illinois, David Owen (deceased), were members of an elite homosexual group, or present at gathering place of homosexuals, address unknown, in New York City, when the place was raided in about 1950 or 1951 in New York City. Investigation did not develop information substantiating this allegation.

INFORMATION NOT INCLUDED IN SUMMARY OR TRANSMITTAL LETTER:

In the past, Stevenson has been critical and complimentary concerning the Bureau. In December, 1960, he was placed on the "not to contact" list because of his contemptuous and uncooperative attitude when the New York Office attempted to interview him in the Special Inquiry investigation of [redacted]

In 1940, Stevenson's present law partner, W. Willard Wirtz, exhibited communist sympathies. Wirtz has a brother who is a former CP organizer in Illinois. [redacted] is a former CP member, and one of his alleged "ghost writers" is Arthur Schlesinger, Jr., Harvard professor, who criticized the Bureau in the past and wrote a critical review of "Masters of Deceit." Stevenson's friend and legal associate, Lloyd K. Garrison, represented J. Robert Oppenheimer in hearing before the Atomic Energy Commission.

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RECOMMENDATIONS:

(1) Recommend that because of prominence of Stevenson, his announced appointment, the nature and seriousness of the allegation of homosexuality, that no further inquiries be made at this time to run out the allegation. It is believed advisable to furnish this information in the cover letter to Lawrence F. O'Brien for the information and consideration of the Kennedy Administration. It is felt that if the Bureau pursues this matter any further it would necessitate

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extensive open inquiries which would undoubtedly result in considerable press interest and comment and very well cause embarrassment to the incoming administration and the Bureau.

(2) Recommend the attached letter be delivered by Mr. Evans.

DETAILS

BACKGROUND:

Special Inquiry ordered 12/8/60 at request of Lawrence F. O'Brien, Assistant to President-elect Kennedy. Stevenson has been named U. S. Ambassador to the UN. Case is complete with exception of governmental agency check at

INFORMATION INCLUDED IN SUMMARY:

Stevenson is a 60-year-old attorney and member of the law firm of Stevenson, Rifkind and Wirtz, Chicago, Illinois. He was Governor of the State of Illinois from 1949 to 1953 and the unsuccessful Democratic nominee for President in 1952 and 1956.

During the investigation, many people interviewed were aware through newspapers Stevenson had been named U. S. Ambassador to the UN and included in their comments their views concerning his fitness for that position. Stevenson is a controversial figure. Numerous professional, political, and social acquaintances stated he is very capable and his character, loyalty, reputation, and associates are above reproach and recommended him highly. Others described him as an aloof individual. Some questioned his fitness as a U. S. Ambassador to the UN since they felt he was not strong enough to "stand up to" Soviet officials. Others felt the United States would benefit through Stevenson's holding the position.

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In 1949 during the trial of Alger Hiss, Stevenson furnished a deposition characterizing Hiss' reputation for integrity, loyalty, and veracity as good. (u)

Stevenson's name has appeared in various capacities including membership in the Institute of Pacific Relations (IPR) in connection with several organizations cited as communist fronts. (u)

During World War II when he was Special Assistant to the Secretary of the Navy, Stevenson, apparently on orders from the White House and the Secretary of the Navy, tried to prevent a Navy Board from removing communist radio operators from our merchant ships. (u)

Stevenson's "ghost writers" included John Hersey, alleged member of communist cell at "Time" magazine in 1939; John Kenneth Galbraith, Harvard professor, former member of two organizations cited as communist fronts and who desired to visit the Soviet Union in 1959 to secure material for a book; and James Wechsler, Editor, "New York Post" and former member of the Young Communist League. (u)

High officials in the CP, USA, favored supporting Stevenson as candidate for President. Stevenson maintains friendly relations with Soviet Premier Khrushchev who has sent Stevenson birthday greetings and gifts of wine. In November, 1960, Stevenson requested Cyrus Eaton, industrialist and banker, Cleveland, Ohio, to pay his, Stevenson's, respects to Khrushchev, Mikoyan, and Gromyko during Eaton's contemplated trip to the Soviet Union. (S) - (u)

#### Divorce Records (u)

Stevenson married the former Ellen Borden, a Chicago socialite, in 1928. They have three sons. His wife was awarded a divorce in December, 1949, at Las Vegas, Nevada, on grounds of extreme cruelty of a mental nature. The divorce trial was private and the exhibits and testimony are sealed. (u)

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Interview with Ex-Wife

Stevenson's ex-wife described him in very disparaging terms, stating he could not withstand pressure, was not forceful, a political opportunist, bitter about his political failures and an appeaser. She said he possessed good morals from the standpoint of "sexual behavior" but did not have good morals in his political life. She would not recommend him. Acquaintances advised that Stevenson's ex-wife did not like a politician's wife's life and one described her as a "psychotic case."

INFORMATION INCLUDED IN TRANSMITTAL LETTER ONLY:

Allegation of Homosexuality

In 1953 [redacted] at request of the trustees of Bradley University, Peoria, Illinois, conducted an investigation concerning Bradley President, David Owen. [redacted] report allegedly contained information indicating Stevenson and Owen were homosexuals. Two versions of information contained in the report have been received. One is that Stevenson and Owen were members of an elite homosexual group in New York where Stevenson had the feminine name Adelaide. The other version that the "Queens Morals Squad," or the "State's Attorney," Queens, New York, in 1950 or 1951 raided a gathering of homosexuals at an unknown place in New York City and Stevenson and Owen were found to be present. No arrests or charges reportedly were made. (u)

We have made discreet inquiries at [redacted] Bradley University, and the New York City Police Department (NYCPD) in an effort to resolve this matter. All known copies of [redacted] report reportedly have been destroyed. Deputy Commissioner, James R. Kennedy, NYCPD, contacted in the absence of Commissioner Stephen Kennedy, advised there is no "Queens Morals Squad" or "State's Attorney's" office. He said he felt sure if persons of prominence were found under the circumstances mentioned above, he would be aware of that fact. He said there is a possibility that information concerning the above-mentioned raid may have been developed or the raid conducted by the Office of District Attorney Frank S. Hogan, New York County, in connection with an investigation of bribery of Bradley University basketball players which was conducted by Hogan's office.

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[redacted] connected with Press Associates, Incorporated, Chicago, Illinois, in 1953 possibly may have been the source of the information developed by [redacted]. There is some question as to [redacted] reliability and he has not been contacted concerning this matter.

Rumors that Stevenson is a homosexual have been attributed to disgruntled officials of the Illinois State Police and [redacted] [redacted] assigned to Hogan's office for [redacted] years, confidentially furnished information to the New York Office in 1950 indicating the rumors may have emanated from the Peoria, Illinois, Police Department (PD) or Bradley University basketball players.

The Superintendent of the Illinois State Police, during Stevenson's Administration as Governor, furnished favorable information during the current investigation. In 1952, in connection with rumors that Owen was a homosexual, the Chief of the Peoria PD and three other PD officials, including two National Academy graduates, concurred in the belief that the rumor was initiated by one [redacted] basketball star, involved in the fixed games to put pressure on the Bradley staff to compel cessation of the investigation.

\* (see page 6a)

When Stevenson was about fifteen years old, he accidentally discharged a shotgun killing a young girl cousin. Stevenson's ex-wife stated she has heard rumors that Stevenson's sister, Mrs. Ernest L. Ives, was threatening to tell "what really happened in that room when the cousin was shot."

Stephen Love, Chicago attorney and one of Stevenson's former law school instructors, advised he has heard rumors from unrecalled sources Stevenson's divorce from his wife was due to his unfaithfulness and misappropriation of her money.

INFORMATION NOT INCLUDED IN SUMMARY OR TRANSMITTAL LETTER:

In January, 1949, Stevenson, as Governor, was considering appointing a new Director of the Illinois State Police and was quoted by the "Chicago Sun" as saying FBI Agents are not renowned administrators.

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\* Fulton Lewis, Jr., radio commentator, advised he had previously heard rumors Stevenson was a homosexual and he had a member of his staff interview Stevenson's ex-wife to run the rumors down. She told Lewis's man she divorced Stevenson because of his "queer friends" and he could interpret the words in any manner he wished but out of consideration for her sons she would not make any further statements. Lewis stated that as a result of the negligible facts the rumors concerning Stevenson were dismissed and not considered worthy of further investigation. (u)

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[redacted]  
[redacted] was a member of the CP in 1946; contributed to the "Daily Worker" in 1949 and to the Chicago Committee to Secure Justice in the Rosenberg case, in 1953. [redacted] (u)

Another of Stevenson's alleged "ghost writers" in Arthur Schlesinger, Jr., a Harvard professor, who questioned the FBI's efficiency and implied political and intellectual freedoms were intimidated by the FBI. He was set straight by the Director's letter in March, 1950. In August, 1958, he wrote a critical review of "Masters of Deceit." (100-348485-28) (u)

Lloyd K. Garrison, New York City, Stevenson's friend and legal associate, has a brother-in-law, Dr. Carl Binger, psychiatrist, who testified for Alger Hiss during his trial. Garrison refused to defend Hiss or CP leaders. In 1954 he represented Dr. J. Robert Oppenheimer in hearings before the Atomic Energy Commission. (u)

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM: SAC, WFO (161-22)

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Re WFO airtel dated 12/19/60.

No additional pertinent information ☐ per check  
of SA CHARLES M. BEALL, Jr., on 12/29/60.RUC  
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Mr. Lawrence F. O'Brien  
Washington, D. C.

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Dear Mr. O'Brien:

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Reference is made to my letter dated  
December 29, 1960, enclosing a memorandum  
summarizing the results of an investigation  
concerning Mr. Adlai Ewing Stevenson.

Information has now been received  
from [redacted] indicating  
that its files contain no additional pertinent  
information concerning Mr. Stevenson.

The above concludes the investigation  
in this case.

Sincerely yours,

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Date 1-5-61

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TO DIRECTOR, FBI AND SAC NEW YORK  
NEW YORK VIA WASHINGTON

FROM SAC CHICAGO 161-11 1P

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DATE: 8-28-85 BY: MYS

URGENT 1-12-61 8-52 PM JFA

TO DIRECTOR 14

FROM SAC, NEW YORK /161-17/

AKLAI EWING STEVENSON, SPI. RE CHICAGO TELETYPE TO BUREAU

JANUARY TWELVE. REVIEW OF NY FILE ON [REDACTED]

AND INFO FROM HELENE BARCORI, US MISSION TO UN, REFLECTS THAT

[REDACTED] UNDER NAME OF [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] WORKED FOR [REDACTED] DURING WORLD WAR

TWO UNTIL AUGUST, NINETEEN FORTY FIVE. FROM AUGUST, NINETEEN  
FORTY FIVE TO FEBRUARY, NINETEEN FORTY SIX, SHE WAS ASSIGNED AS

[REDACTED] IN INVESTIGATION

OF IGOR YAKOULEVICH MELEKH, IS DASH R, HER NAME APPEARED AS  
ACQUAINTANCE OF MELEKH AND ALSO IN HIS DIARY. WHEN INTERVIEWED

[REDACTED] ADMITTED SOCIAL ACQUAINTANCE WITH MELEKH FROM (89)  
NINETEEN FIFTY EIGHT. DISCLAIMED ANY APPROACH BY HIM IN ESPIONAGE

MATTERS. SINCE [REDACTED] WAS APPARENTLY ASSIGNED TO STEVENSON,

RATHER THAN SELECTED BY HIM FOR [REDACTED] SINCE THERE

HAS BEEN NO KNOWN CONTACTS BETWEEN THEM SINCE., AND SINCE [REDACTED]

ASSOCIATION WITH MELEKH DID NOT COMMENCE UNTIL NINETEEN FIFTY EIGHT.

THIS INFORMATION NOT CONSIDERED PERTINENT AND WILL NOT BE SUBMITTED

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[ ] is member of Stevenson's law firm in Chicago. An interview with Stevenson was a logical lead. Chicago has been instructed not to interview Stevenson for any reason without prior Bureau authority.

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TO DIRECTOR FBI AND SAC CHICAGO  
FROM SAC NEW YORK 1P

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SPI. MR. ADLAI E. STEVENSON WHEN TELEPHONICALLY

CONTACTED THIS DATE FOR AN APPOINTMENT TO SPEAK WITH HIM IN  
CONNECTION WITH KENNEDY ADMINISTRATION REQUEST FOR INVESTIGATION  
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[ ] IS A PERSONAL FRIEND OF THE PRESIDENT ELECT  
~~BECAUSE~~ THIS IS A LOT OF NONSENSE, I AM A VERY BUSY MAN AND I AM  
FLYING TO CHICAGO THIS MORNING. IF YOU HAVE TO SEE ME IN CONNECTION  
WITH THIS MATTER ONE OF YOUR CHICAGO AGENTS MAY CONTACT ME MONDAY,  
AND ONLY MONDAY, SINCE I WILL BE VERY BUSY FOR THE NEXT TWO WEEKS  
~~UNQUOTE~~. CHICAGO WILL NOT INTERVIEW STEVENSON, UACB

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See that Stevenson  
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time on any matter.

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① Memo to Messrs. Callahan,  
Rosen + Belmont 12/13/60.  
② Letter to Chicago (cc's to WFO, New York  
and Springfield) 12/13/60.  
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SAC, Chicago

December 13, 1960

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Director, FBI  
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ADLAI E. STEVENSON  
FORMER GOVERNOR OF ILLINOIS  
PERSON NOT TO BE CONTACTED

Re New York teletype to the Bureau and Chicago dated December 10, 1960, advising of the contemptuous and uncooperative attitude displayed by Adlai E. Stevenson when he was contacted in connection with the Special Inquiry investigation of [redacted]. In the future, Stevenson is not to be contacted at any time concerning any matter unless prior Bureau approval has been obtained.

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The 1960-61 edition of "Who's Who in America" reflects that Stevenson resides in Libertyville, Illinois, and that he has offices in the following places: (1) 135 South La Salle Street, Chicago, Illinois; (2) 575 Madison Avenue, New York, New York; (3) 1614 I Street, Northwest, Washington, D. C.

- 1 - New York
- 1 - Springfield
- 1 - Washington Field Office

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NOTE: Re teletype dated 12-10-60, the New York Office advised that when an attempt was made to interview him in the Special Inquiry investigation of [redacted] Stevenson adopted a contemptuous and uncooperative attitude and said, "This is a lot of nonsense. I'm a very busy man...." The Director noted, "See that Stevenson is listed not to be contacted at any time on any matter."

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RE: ADLAI EWING STEVENSON  
SPECIAL INQUIRY

With reference to Herb Caen, author of the attached article which appeared in the "San Francisco Chronicle," 12/13/60, the Bureau files reflect that he is "no good." In 1955 we received information he had been associated with a number of communist front activities. In 1958 the SAC at San Francisco furnished information that he was a loud mouth and inaccurate and that he thrived on second-hand information. He relies on gossip and bits of information for which there is no basis. In the past he has made snide remarks about the Bureau and he is considered a phony and is strictly unreliable. He is no friend of the FBI. (u)

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

## Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE: 12/13/60

FROM : SAC, SAN FRANCISCO (161-9)

SUBJECT: ADLAI EWING STEVENSON  
SPECIAL INQUIRYALL INFORMATION CONTAINED  
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DATE 11/23/85 BY 9145 CI/4  
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Enclosed is clipping from column of HERB CAEN appearing in the December 13, 1960 issue of the San Francisco Chronicle.

For the information of the Bureau, at 9:45 AM on 12/12/60 SA WILLIAM J. SLATTERY appeared at the home of ROGER KENT, pursuant to an appointment made the day before through Mrs. KENT. Both Mr. and Mrs. KENT greeted the Agent, and after the introductions, Mr. KENT asked that Mrs. KENT leave, stating that he wanted to talk privately. Mr. KENT then asked the Agent who he wished to inquire about, and when told it was a confidential inquiry about Governor ADLAI STEVENSON, Mr. KENT called to his wife to return, and when she entered the room, said "guess who they are inquiring about - ADLAI!!" Mrs. KENT remained in the room for a moment, excused herself and left. Mr. KENT proceeded to relate data regarding his acquaintance with Governor STEVENSON, stating that the Governor had been a house guest in the KENT home, and that he was a dedicated public servant of unquestioned loyalty. At the conclusion of the interview, KENT remarked that he was flattered that the FBI would come to him with such an inquiry, and that he was going to "send the great guy a wire". The Agent specifically reminded Mr. KENT that the inquiry was confidential, who replied "Oh, ADLAI will get a big kick out of this". At this the Agent excused himself and left.

The entire interview was conducted in a businesslike fashion and at no time did SA SLATTERY give any indication that the inquiry was a matter of "embarrassment" as stated by CAEN.

This matter is being brought to the Bureau's attention as it will undoubtedly be necessary to contact ROGER KENT on many occasions in the future on Special Inquiry matters, inasmuch as he is the California State Democratic Central Committee Chairman.

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"Not to Contact" memo to Bureau  
Callahan, Belmont and Rosen  
12/21/60  
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I doubt the wisdom  
of contacting Kent  
in this case.

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He should not be contacted at any time.



## San Franciscana

REAL SAN FRANCISCAN: Guy who has been to Paris more times than he's been to Oakland . . . Lament of a fog-lover: Yesterday morning it looked as if it was going to be a splendid day, and then the sun came out . . . Adman Howard Gossage, after seeing himself (via videotape) on TV for the first time Sunday night: "Somehow, I expected a younger man!" . . . Roger Kent, the Democratic chieftain here, was interviewed yesterday morning by an FBI agent checking on the loyalty of a prospective Federal employee who had given Roger's name as a reference. The prospect: Adlai Stevenson! (To the FBI man's credit, it should be noted that he seemed embarrassed). "Along with at least 28 million other Americans," Kent told him, "I believe Adlai Stevenson is a loyal American."

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San Francisco, California  
Date: 12-13-60  
Edition: FINAL HOME  
City Editor: ABE MELLINKOF  
Publisher: CHARLES de  
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APPROPRIATE AGENCIES  
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8-28-74 *DeClass.*  
DATE 10/1/75

December 29, 1960

Mr. Lawrence F. O'Brien  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. O'Brien:

Pursuant to your request for an investigation of Mr. Adlai Ewing Stevenson, there is enclosed a summary memorandum containing the results of this investigation.

An applicant-type investigation was conducted concerning Mr. Stevenson in 1937. This summary memorandum contains the results of that investigation as well as the results of current inquiries.

Due to the prominence of Mr. Stevenson, no neighborhood investigations were conducted and no investigation was conducted concerning his educational background or his employment during the current inquiries.

Information has been received from one governmental agency indicating that a check of its files concerning Mr. Stevenson has not been completed. When this check has been completed, you will be advised.

The summary memorandum contains information furnished by Mrs. Ellen Borden Stevenson indicating that when Mr. Stevenson was about fifteen years old, he accidentally caused the discharge of a shotgun which resulted in the death of a cousin. During the interview with Mrs. Stevenson, she also stated she had heard rumors that Mr. Stevenson's sister, Mrs. Ernest Ives, was threatening to tell "what really happened in that room when the cousin was shot."

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NOTE: See memo, Stanley to Rosen, 12/29/60.

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Mr. Evans  
Date 12/31/60

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Mr. Lawrence F. O'Brien

The summary memorandum contains information furnished by Stephen Love, Attorney, Love and McBride, 134 North LaSalle Street, Chicago, Illinois. During the interview with Mr. Love, he stated he had received hearsay information from sources which he could not recall indicating that Mrs. Stevenson not only divorced Mr. Stevenson because of his unfaithfulness but also because he misappropriated his wife's money.

Kenneth W. Black, Attorney and a member of the Board of Trustees of Bradley University, Peoria, Illinois, furnished the following information, which he pointed out was hearsay:

He stated that some years ago, as a member of the Board of Trustees of Bradley University, he became interested in recurring rumors that David Owen, the President of Bradley University, was a homosexual. He said he personally discussed these rumors with David Owen. Mr. Black said David Owen denounced the rumors as false and ridiculous, and to point out how ridiculous the rumors were, David Owen said the same rumors were being circulated about Governor Stevenson who was a good friend of his, David Owen, and whom he definitely knew to be a man above reproach.

Mr. Black stated because of the persistence of the rumors, he and other members of the Board of Trustees requested a private investigative agency\* to check on David Owen's activities. Mr. Black said he believes he made the suggestion that any known contacts with Governor Stevenson be reported because David Owen's constant reference to Governor Stevenson and his, Governor Stevenson's, virtues and as a man of above suspicion and reproach in itself generated suspicion in his, Mr. Black's, mind concerning Governor Stevenson. (u)

Mr. Black stated he definitely recalled the private investigative agency reported information concerning a club or organization in New York City, "apparently made up of or constituted of homosexuals," for the purpose of affording liaison between homosexuals or for the purpose of placing homosexuals in contact with each other. He did not recall if the private investigative agency reported the name, location or method of operation of the club. Mr. Black said the private

[redacted] which was also contacted during the investigation and requested that its identity be concealed.- 2 -

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Mr. Lawrence F. O'Brien

investigative agency indicated that the club was raided by a vice squad, probably from New York City, and that David Owen and Governor Stevenson were "caught in the raid." However, when their identities as individuals of prominence were made known, they were not arrested. Mr. Black stated that following the receipt of the above information, he had a conversation with David Owen, who admitted that he "had known both boys and girls." Mr. Black said David Owen made this admission in such a manner as to indicate that the contact between David Owen and the boys and girls was perverted in form.

Mr. Black stated that when the Bradley University basketball team was included as a subject of inquiry in basketball scandals, David Owen was expected to go to New York City in connection with some phase of the inquiry but was extremely hesitant about making the trip. David Owen told Mr. Black he was hesitant about going because he feared he would get into difficulty concerning his personal activities. David Owen also told Mr. Black that a member of the Bradley basketball team had threatened to expose him as a homosexual if he, David Owen, did not go to New York City and do his best to defend the members of the basketball team. Mr. Black stated David Owen also told him that while he had been in New York City on previous occasions, he had been guilty of the most despicable acts in his life and he apparently feared exposure as a homosexual and pervert if he went back to New York City. (u)

Mr. Black stated he also recalled David Owen told him that Mr. Stevenson's wife, on several occasions, referred to his "queer friends."

The above information furnished by Kenneth Black and the additional information furnished by Mrs. Stevenson and Stephen Love was not included in the summary memorandum because of its nature and the fact that it was not verified during the investigation.

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Mr. Lawrence F. O'Brien

In connection with the information furnished by Kenneth Black, David Owen was not interviewed during the investigation. Concerning David Owen, it is noted that the records of the Metropolitan Police Department, Washington, D. C., indicate that on April 7, 1960, David Owen, former President of Bradley University, was found nude, badly beaten and dying in room seven, Alton Hotel, 1007 E Street, Northwest, Washington, D. C. He was removed to Casualty Hospital, Washington, D. C., and pronounced dead on arrival. These records also disclose that

[redacted] years old, [redacted] stated he met David Owen in the Gavety Buffet, Washington, D. C., at about 2 p.m., April 7, 1960. [redacted] said that at that time David Owen gave him \$8. According to [redacted] \$5 of the money was to be used to secure a hotel room and \$3 was to be used to purchase whiskey. [redacted] stated that on the same date he rented room seven at the Alton Hotel, Washington, D. C., and informed Owen of the name of the hotel and the room number. [redacted] said Owen came to the room and gave him \$10. He stated that, at Owen's suggestion, they removed their clothing. According to [redacted] Owen then asked [redacted] to beat him with his fists. [redacted] stated he struck Owen numerous times with his fists and that Owen asked him to continue the beating and to strike him harder. [redacted] said he beat Owen severely and then left the room.

The records of the Metropolitan Police Department also indicate that [redacted] was charged with murder in the first degree. He has not been tried on this charge. He is presently under mental observation at Saint Elizabeths Hospital, Washington, D. C.

The investigation of Mr. Stevenson covered inquiries as to his character, loyalty, general standing and ability, but no inquiries were made as to the sources of his income.

Upon removal of the classified enclosure, this transmittal letter becomes unclassified.

Sincerely yours,

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December 29, 1960

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**ADLAI EWING STEVENSON**

**SUMMARY**  
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An applicant-type investigation was conducted concerning Mr. Stevenson in 1937. This memorandum summarizes the results of that investigation as well as the results of current inquiries.

**BIOGRAPHICAL DATA**

**Birth**

Mr. Stevenson was born on February 5, 1900, at Los Angeles, California.

**Employment**

From January, 1949, to January, 1953, Mr. Stevenson was Governor of the State of Illinois.

In 1952 and 1956 he was a candidate for President of the United States.

Mr. Stevenson resides at Libertyville, Illinois, and he is a member of the law firm of Stevenson, Rinkoff and Wirtz, Chicago, Illinois. He also maintains offices in New York City and Washington, D. C.

**Marital Status**

Mr. Stevenson married Ellen Borden on December 1, 1928, at Chicago, Illinois.

The records of the County Clerk, Clark County, Las Vegas, Nevada, indicate that on December 12, 1949, Ellen Borden Stevenson, plaintiff, filed a complaint for a divorce from Adlai E. Stevenson, defendant. Plaintiff alleged that the defendant had treated her with extreme cruelty of a mental nature and had caused her intense mental

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### **Adlai Ewing Stevenson**

pain, anguish, and suffering which had impaired her health and rendered cohabitation unbearable and unendurable. The plaintiff also alleged that a property agreement had been reached on October 19, 1949. The defendant denied the allegations of mental cruelty and related suffering.

A private trial was held on December 12, 1949, during which all allegations of the plaintiff were found to be sustained by testimony and the plaintiff was awarded a divorce on the grounds of extreme cruelty of a mental nature. A request for sealing the exhibits and testimony was made and granted the same day.

It is noted that several persons interviewed during the current investigation advised they believed that Ellen Borden Stevenson, the former wife of Mr. Stevenson, was the cause of their divorce. They stated she had been socially prominent in Chicago, Illinois, prior to the time Mr. Stevenson became Governor and she did not want to live in Springfield, Illinois, the state capital. They also stated she did not like to associate with politicians or lead the life of a politician's wife. One person described her as a "poor mixed-up soul." Another person stated she eventually became a "psychotic case."

### **Military Service**

Mr. Stevenson enlisted in the United States Navy Reserve Force on October 19, 1918, and entered on active duty the same day. He was released to inactive duty on December 19, 1918, and was honorably discharged from the United States Navy Reserve Force as an apprentice seaman on September 30, 1921. His record is clear. The record also indicates Mr. Stevenson received the Navy Distinguished Civilian Service Award on July 7, 1945, for exceptional performance of outstanding service to the United States Navy as Special Assistant to the Secretary of the Navy from June 30, 1941, to June 13, 1944.

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Interviews

The following interviews were conducted in 1937:

Grover C. Hill, President, National Bank of Bloomington, Illinois, stated he had known Mr. Stevenson for several years. He said that although Mr. Stevenson was considered quite capable "he had never had any medals hung on him because of his legal ability," but that in all fairness to Mr. Stevenson he could not furnish one reason why he should not be appointed to a legal position with the Government. Mr. Hill stated that he was an active member of an opposite political party but aside from their diverging political views he found no fault in Mr. Stevenson.

Alonzo Dolan, Pantagraph Printing and Stationery Company, Bloomington, Illinois, advised he had known Mr. Stevenson and his family for many years and considered them to be most reputable citizens. Mr. Dolan said that although he violently disagreed with Mr. Stevenson's political ideas he could not say one word against his character, reputation or ability.

John O. Morrissey, attorney, Bloomington, Illinois, advised that he and Mr. Stevenson had been schoolmates in high school. Mr. Morrissey stated that Mr. Stevenson had been a brilliant student and had subsequently attended Princeton University and Harvard Law School. He said he was convinced that Mr. Stevenson was a capable attorney insofar as knowledge of law was concerned. Mr. Morrissey said that he knew of no moral reason why Mr. Stevenson should not be considered for an appointment with the Federal Government.

John H. Wigmore, Dean Emeritus, School of Law, Northwestern University, Chicago, Illinois, advised he had known Mr. Stevenson well and that Mr. Stevenson had been a good student in the law school. He stated he considered Mr. Stevenson to be a quiet, efficient, honest and thoroughly reliable individual. He characterized Mr. Stevenson as "one of the world's finest fellows" and highly recommended him for a position of trust and confidence.

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John G. Condon, attorney, Ryan, Condon and Livingston, Chicago, Illinois, advised that he had known Mr. Stevenson since the latter was a boy. He stated Mr. Stevenson's morals and integrity were above question. He highly recommended him for a position of trust and confidence.

Roscoe Pound, Dean, School of Law, Harvard University, Cambridge, Massachusetts, advised he recalled Mr. Stevenson since the latter had attended several of his classes at the law school between 1922 and 1924. He stated that he had known Mr. Stevenson personally during that time and that he considered him to be an outstanding individual. He described Mr. Stevenson as "an exceptionally fine fellow of sterling qualities and of good family stock." He highly recommended Mr. Stevenson for a position of trust and confidence.

The following interviews were conducted during the current investigation:

Mrs. Ellen Borden Stevenson, Chicago, Illinois, advised she married Mr. Stevenson on December 1, 1928, and obtained a divorce on December 12, 1949, at Las Vegas, Nevada. She stated his mother died a manic depressive and his uncle was an epileptic. She said his sister, Mrs. Ernest (Buffie) Ives, was extremely high-strung, had "tantrum fits" upon occasions and suffered from an inferiority complex which caused her to cling to her brother to remain in the political limelight. (u)

She stated Mr. Stevenson was very nervous, irritable and high-strung during all the years of their marriage. She said she felt his nervous condition was caused by an event which occurred when he was fifteen years old and which she did not discover until many years later when "Time," a weekly magazine, carried an article concerning the incident. In explanation she stated when Mr. Stevenson was fifteen years old he and his sister, Buffie, attended a party. She said that at this party Mr. Stevenson accidentally caused the discharge of a shotgun which resulted in the death of a cousin. Mrs. Stevenson said that this unfortunate incident caused his sister Buffie to become extremely possessive of Mr. Stevenson in later years and that his welfare and political career became his sister's obsession.

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It is noted that page 100 of the February 6, 1956, issue of "Time" contains an article entitled "Buffie on Adlai." The article consists of the review of a book, "My Brother Adlai," published by "Morrow." The authors of the book are indicated as Elizabeth Stevenson Ives and Hildegard Dolson. Page 102 contains a paragraph which reads in part, "The saddest moment of Stevenson's childhood - the tragic death of a young girl when a gun Adlai was carrying went off accidentally - is told by Author Ives with great kindness and candor."

Mrs. Stevenson stated she was convinced that Mr. Stevenson could not withstand any type of pressure and on numerous occasions during their marriage he became hysterical when exposed to problems of a serious nature. She said that on one occasion in approximately 1933 their house in Libertyville, Illinois, caught fire. She stated Mr. Stevenson became hysterical and was unable to do anything. She said all of his autobiographies indicated that on the occasion of this fire he reportedly ignited his cigarette from burning embers. She stated that this is not true.

Mrs. Stevenson stated that contrary to popular belief Mr. Stevenson wrote none of his speeches which, in fact, were written by Archibald MacLish and others. She said he was not forceful, unable to talk "off the cuff" and memorized "everything he ever delivered to a group." She stated he was not a good lawyer "as any good lawyer who knows him will tell you" and he was just a "little man." She said he was very indecisive, dishonest, devious and deceiving. She also stated that he was a political opportunist with no political morals, was bitter about his political failures and was an appeaser rather than a strong independent thinker. She said that he "follows a pattern of betrayal" in that he is expedient and uses people to further his personal interests.

Mrs. Stevenson said that Mr. Stevenson was not a family man because his interests always lay elsewhere. She stated he never gave her or her children any gifts during their marriage and that he hated to spend money. She said that during the entire period of their marriage he spent only \$11,000 while she spent close to \$300,000 of her own money because he never wanted to see any of their bills.

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Mrs. Stevenson stated that she wanted to divorce Mr. Stevenson in 1941 but he and a friend, Mr. Richard Bentley, who was an attorney, persuaded her to wait a few years, stating it would be better for his political career as well as for their children.

Mrs. Stevenson said that in her opinion Mr. Stevenson is not a person of good character and while he may possess good morals from the standpoint of "sexual behavior" he does not exhibit good morals in his political life. She said his associates are "fine people and are all intellectuals."

Mrs. Stevenson stated she would not recommend Mr. Stevenson for a position of trust and confidence with the Government which called for handling problems of world consequence under all forms of pressure. She said she does not believe he could stand up under the strain, does not have the proper temperament, cannot think on his feet and "has to pick other people's brains to get along." She said she did not believe that he would be disloyal to the Government but that he did resent taking orders from people and feels "he knows it all." (u)

Richard Bentley, attorney, Chicago, Illinois, advised he has known Mr. Stevenson for 30 years. He said he is intimately acquainted with Mr. Stevenson and has attended numerous social functions with him. He stated he served as Mr. Stevenson's attorney during the latter's divorce proceedings in 1949. He said Mr. Stevenson's character, loyalty, reputation and associates are above reproach.

Stephen A. Mitchell, attorney, Chicago, Illinois, advised he has known Mr. Stevenson socially and through business associates since 1939. He stated he was Chairman of the Democratic National Committee from 1952 to 1955, during which time Mr. Stevenson was a candidate for President of the United States. Mr. Mitchell said he believes Mr. Stevenson has high moral standards, no questionable associates and that he is a loyal American citizen. He recommended Mr. Stevenson for a position of trust and confidence.

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H. Langdon Robinson, President, Faultless Milling Company, Springfield, Illinois, advised he has known Mr. Stevenson for many years. He stated although he was a member of an opposite political party and did not always see "eye to eye" with Mr. Stevenson on his ideas they have been close personal friends. He stated he knew of no other public figure in the country who was more honest than Mr. Stevenson and that he had no reason to doubt Mr. Stevenson's loyalty, morals, character or integrity. He stated he felt Mr. Stevenson was a very fine man and would do his very best in any endeavor which he undertook.

Walter J. Cummings, Jr., attorney and former Solicitor General of the United States, Chicago, Illinois, advised he has known Mr. Stevenson socially and through business connections since 1936. He stated he would not question Mr. Stevenson's morals, character, loyalty or associates. He recommended Mr. Stevenson for a position of trust and confidence.

William H. Avery, Jr., attorney, Chicago, Illinois, advised he has known Mr. Stevenson since 1930 through business connections and limited social contacts. He stated that he and Mr. Stevenson disagree on some of Mr. Stevenson's policies, particularly in regard to domestic issues, and consequently he did not vote for Mr. Stevenson when the latter was a candidate for President of the United States. He stated, however, that he has a high regard for Mr. Stevenson and his character, loyalty and associates. He recommended Mr. Stevenson for a position of trust and confidence. (u)

Jacob R. Arvey, attorney, Chicago, Illinois, advised he has known Mr. Stevenson for many years. He said he was the individual who sponsored Mr. Stevenson for Governor of the State of Illinois. He stated that the best description he could give of Mr. Stevenson is that he is the "most articulate man in the world." He stated that he knows that Mr. Stevenson is being considered for the position of Ambassador to the United Nations and that Mr. Stevenson has told him that if he accepts this position he will give up the practice of law and, therefore, there could be no conflict of interests between Mr. Stevenson's private affairs and his position with the United States Government.

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Mr. Arvey advised that Mr. Stevenson's wife divorced him a few years ago but there was no scandal concerning this divorce. He said Mrs. Stevenson made some charges in connection with the divorce which were completely untrue but Mr. Stevenson felt that as a gentleman he should not contest this matter in court. He stated that fortunately Mr. Stevenson's three sons realized the truth in the matter and they are very close to their father. Mr. Arvey stated Mr. Stevenson's character, reputation, associates and loyalty are above reproach. He highly recommended Mr. Stevenson for a position of trust and confidence.

William J. "Botchy" Connors, Illinois State Senator, Chicago, Illinois, advised he has known Mr. Stevenson for many years and that he was Mr. Stevenson's minority leader in the Illinois State Senate when Mr. Stevenson was Governor of the State of Illinois. He said that during the past few years he and Mr. Stevenson have drifted apart and he did not support Mr. Stevenson at the 1960 Democratic Convention. He stated Mr. Stevenson is a very aloof individual who just cannot seem to deal with common people. He said Mr. Stevenson is intelligent but is not flexible enough in dealing with common people to make a good Secretary of State but would be more suited for a position as an Ambassador to the United Nations for which position he has been publicly mentioned. State Senator Connors stated Mr. Stevenson's character, reputation and loyalty are above reproach. (U)

State Senator Connors stated he and Mr. and Mrs. Stevenson had been neighbors in Chicago, Illinois, before their divorce. He said he never knew the real cause of the divorce but in his opinion it did not involve any moral turpitude on Mr. Stevenson's part. He stated that the only thing that might have been responsible for their marital difficulty, and he had no foundation for this, was that Mr. Stevenson's mother-in-law could have aided in the "fight" because she was a peculiar individual whom he, State Senator Connors, classified as a "nut."

State Senator Connors stated he has heard hearsay comments that Mr. Stevenson is well liked by Soviet Russia but he knew of nothing that would lead Mr. Stevenson to be "soft toward them."

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James J. Ryan, Vice President, F and G Electric Company, Chicago, Illinois, advised that he was a state representative when Mr. Stevenson was Governor of the State of Illinois and that he, Ryan, was also the party majority leader in the House of Representatives, Springfield, Illinois. He stated he considered Mr. Stevenson to be an honorable Governor who in many instances waived his political party in favor of legislation or action that was beneficial to the people of the State of Illinois. As an example, he stated Mr. Stevenson took the Illinois State Police "out of politics," which action had brought opposition from the Democrats in Illinois.

Mr. Ryan said he considered Mr. Stevenson to be a "liberal" but not in the current sense of the meaning of the word. He stated that the Broyles Bill, which was Illinois State Legislation Against communist leanings in teachers of the State of Illinois, was opposed by Mr. Stevenson. He said Mr. Stevenson opposed the bill not because it was an action against communism but because there were many facets of the law that "exceeded over and above" what should have been legislation opposing communists and communism. He stated that in his opinion Mr. Stevenson's liberal views would not in any way be sacrificial of the American heritage or the American form of Government. (u)

Mr. Ryan said he considers Mr. Stevenson to be a loyal American and an individual who could be trusted with any assignment.

Robert Tieken, United States Attorney, Northern District of Illinois, Chicago, Illinois, advised he has known Mr. Stevenson for several years since he maintains a residence at Libertyville, Illinois, about five miles from Mr. Stevenson's residence. He said he has met Mr. Stevenson at various social affairs but is not closely acquainted with him. He stated he has known Mr. Stevenson's reputation as a lawyer for many years and he knows of nothing which might reflect adversely upon his reputation, honesty, or trustworthiness. Mr. Tieken stated that Mr. Stevenson's character is above reproach.

Mr. Tieken said he knew Mr. Stevenson had been offered the position of Ambassador to the United Nations. He said he knows Mr. Stevenson is

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not a strong-willed person and there is a question in his mind as to whether Mr. Stevenson could stand up to Premier Nikita Khrushchev of Russia. He stated that Mr. Stevenson would make an excellent Ambassador to the United Nations except on the matter of standing up to Mr. Khrushchev. Mr. Tieken said there is no question as to Mr. Stevenson's loyalty to the United States but that he is not "hard minded" enough to the task of standing up to Mr. Khrushchev.

Stephen Love, a attorney, Chicago, Illinois, advised that Mr. Stevenson is one of his former students at the School of Law, Northwestern University, Chicago, Illinois. He stated he recalled that Mr. Stevenson was not a brilliant student; however, in his opinion, Mr. Stevenson has been an outstanding person who during the past decade has been in public life. He said he considers Mr. Stevenson to be a brilliant scholar of the world situation and well thought of by members of the bar. He stated Mr. Stevenson's reputation, integrity and loyalty are above reproach. He stated that although Mr. Stevenson's viewpoints seem to be liberal his liberalism is the same as that of other prominent individuals in that he feels that ten to twenty percent of the people in this country and the world need help. He also stated he considers Mr. Stevenson's attitude toward Russia to be lenient when compared with that of the present administration. (u) He recommended Mr. Stevenson for a position of trust and confidence.

Peter F. Rossiter, Chairman, Democratic Central Committee, Springfield, Illinois, advised he was closely associated with Mr. Stevenson from 1948 to 1953. He said that during this period he knew Mr. Stevenson socially as well as politically. He said Mr. Stevenson was a gentleman whose integrity and loyalty are above reproach. He stated Mr. Stevenson was an individual who was "afraid of politicians." He said that as a politician Mr. Stevenson was that rare type who liked to take everything a political party could offer him but did not like to become an active worker for the party nor did he want to assume the burdens of a leading party member. He said Mr. Stevenson's character and moral conduct would qualify him for any position of trust and confidence.

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Loring G. Merwin, Publisher, "The Daily Pantagraph," newspaper, Bloomington, Illinois, advised that Mr. Stevenson and his ~~son~~ <sup>daughter</sup>, Mrs. Ernest L. Ives, are the principal stockholders in "The Pantagraph." He stated Mr. Stevenson is also a member of the Board of Directors. Mr. Merwin said Mr. Stevenson is a very capable, educated person who is dedicated to public service and described him as one of the twelve most capable men in the United States. Mr. Merwin said that he and Mr. Stevenson "do not see eye to eye in political matters." He said he, Merwin, had leanings toward an opposite political party. Mr. Merwin said he considers himself an independent and operates his newspaper as an independent paper. He said he considers the character, associates and loyalty of Mr. Stevenson and Mrs. Ernest L. Ives to be above reproach.

Hubert H. Humphrey, United States Senator from Minnesota, Minneapolis, Minnesota, advised he has known Mr. Stevenson since 1948 as a close personal friend and political associate. He said that during this period he has traveled extensively with Mr. Stevenson and has been a frequent guest in the Stevenson home and has collaborated with Mr. Stevenson in the preparation of important political speeches. He stated Mr. Stevenson is a man of unquestioned patriotism, a fact proven through his long devoted and able government service. He said Mr. Stevenson is a vigorous and effective anticommunist; a brilliant and able man of good character who does not yield on matters involving high principles. He stated Mr. Stevenson's associates are of like quality. Senator Humphrey said that Mr. Stevenson is worthy and eminently qualified in every way for a high office in the United States Government. (4)

W. Rufus Brent, Vice President, Pan Oil Company, Dallas, Texas, advised he has known Mr. Stevenson since 1922. He stated that he and Mr. Stevenson first met as students at Princeton University, Princeton, New Jersey. Mr. Brent said that in the past Mr. Stevenson has been retained at various times to advise his company, the Pan Oil Company, regarding its interests in Cuba and Turkey since Mr. Stevenson was acquainted with the international situation in both of these countries. He said Mr. Stevenson ~~was~~ <sup>is</sup> a loyal American citizen and that his character and habits are above reproach. He recommended Mr. Stevenson for a position of trust and confidence.

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Lansdell Christie, President, Liberia Mining Company, New York City, advised he has known Mr. Stevenson since 1953 and in 1956 he was the largest contributor to Mr. Stevenson's presidential campaign. He said he first became acquainted with Mr. Stevenson because of their mutual political interests and, about three years ago, he and Mr. Stevenson took a trip to Africa. He said Mr. Stevenson represents various persons who have interests of a legal nature in Africa. Mr. Christie stated he considers Mr. Stevenson's character, loyalty, and integrity to be above reproach. He said Mr. Stevenson is the best choice that could have been made for Ambassador to the United Nations.

W. Averell Harriman, former Governor, State of New York, New York City, advised he has known Mr. Stevenson intimately since 1945. He said that he has been closely connected with Mr. Stevenson both in the political world and socially. He stated he considers Mr. Stevenson to be a good friend and that Mr. Stevenson has stayed at Mr. Harriman's home in New York City and at his summer home for varying periods. (u)

Mr. Harriman said he is very pleased with the appointment of Mr. Stevenson as the "United States delegate to the United Nations." He said Mr. Stevenson has a great ability to attract people and always enjoys a warm personal association with persons with whom he comes in contact, on the domestic and on international fronts. He stated Mr. Stevenson is deeply and sincerely interested in other people and understands their problems. He said Mr. Stevenson is always ready to listen with a great deal of fairness and impartiality to the viewpoints of other persons, although they may be in direct opposition to his own. Mr. Harriman said he believes Mr. Stevenson's appointment to the United Nations will bring a deepened interest in underprivileged areas of the world and will add warmth and understanding to the relations of the United States with other nations. Mr. Harriman stated Mr. Stevenson's character, associates, and loyalty to the United States are above reproach.

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Thomas E. Dewey, former Governor, State of New York, New York City, advised he served in the Governors Conference with Mr. Stevenson from 1948 to 1952 and that he knows Mr. Stevenson quite well. Mr. Dewey stated he is sure Mr. Stevenson is honest, of "undoubted character, devoted to the welfare of his country, and widely knowledgeable of foreign affairs." He said Mr. Stevenson is articulate, eloquent, and an honorable man. Mr. Dewey stated he has some doubts as to the orientation of Mr. Stevenson's judgment based on the general context of Mr. Stevenson's public utterances. Mr. Dewey explained that he refers to Mr. Stevenson's approach to the problem of maintaining the firmness of the Western position as opposed to Russia. However, Mr. Dewey added there are many other loyal Americans with whom he disagrees in matters such as these and he noted that these matters are questions of judgment rather than character or patriotism. Mr. Dewey said he does not feel Mr. Stevenson is primarily an administrator and he based this judgment on his experience with Mr. Stevenson and on Mr. Stevenson's experience as Governor of the State of Illinois. Mr. Dewey stated he knew of nothing which would indicate Mr. Stevenson is a man of other than good character or undoubted loyalty. (u)

William Benton, former United States Senator from Connecticut, Los Angeles, California, advised he has known Mr. Stevenson for more than twenty-five years, and that they have been intimately associated since 1952. Mr. Benton stated he is the owner of "Encyclopedia Britannica and Encyclopedia Films," and that Mr. Stevenson is the second largest stockholder in the company as well as legal counsel and a member of the Board of Directors. He said Mr. Stevenson has vacationed with him at his home on the Riviera in France and has been a guest aboard his yacht in the Mediterranean for months at a time and has made a tour through South America with him. Mr. Benton stated, due to this fact, he considers himself intimately associated with Mr. Stevenson and characterized him as a perfect gentleman who is extremely intelligent. He said

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Mr. Stevenson's honesty, integrity, character, reputation, associates, and loyalty are above reproach. He stated that in some political circles charges, such as being soft on communism or "left wing," have been made against Mr. Stevenson. He said these charges are sometimes mentioned in newspapers and other public source material. Senator Benton stated that these charges are completely unfounded. He said that anyone such as he, who has known Mr. Stevenson on a personal and intimate basis, considers him a conservative in his political and social thinking. He stated he considers Mr. Stevenson as one of the finest individuals he has ever known.

Andrew Wellington Cordier, Executive Assistant to the Secretary-General of the United Nations, New York City, advised he has known Mr. Stevenson since the United Nations was formed during the 1940's. He said he has had infrequent and limited contact with Mr. Stevenson during the past fifteen years. He stated he considers Mr. Stevenson to be a patriotic American "with the highest ideals, character, integrity, and reputation." Mr. Cordier said it appears that Mr. Stevenson is under consideration as the United States Ambassador to the United Nations, and he, in this capacity, would be welcomed by all members of the United Nations. He stated that if this is the position that Mr. Stevenson is to receive he believes he is extremely qualified for this position and he further believes Mr. Stevenson would do an outstanding job. (4)

William Willard Wirtz, 838 Locust Street, Winnetka, Illinois, attorney and partner, Stevenson, Rifkind, and Wirtz, Chicago, Illinois, advised he has known Mr. Stevenson since 1949 when Mr. Stevenson appointed him to the Liquor Control Commission of Illinois. He said he worked for and traveled with Mr. Stevenson during his 1952 campaign for President. He stated that since 1955 he and Mr. Stevenson have been partners in law practice. He stated he has known Mr. Stevenson extremely well through their daily professional association and also socially. Mr. Wirtz said Mr. Stevenson's character, integrity, reputation, associates, and loyalty are above question. He recommended Mr. Stevenson for a position of trust and confidence.

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Everett McKinley Dirksen, United States Senator from Illinois at Washington, D. C., advised he has known Mr. Stevenson politically and socially during the past twelve to fourteen years. He stated he believed Mr. Stevenson's character, reputation, morals, associations and habits to be unimpeachable. He stated he believes Mr. Stevenson to be very capable in the field of foreign affairs. He said that he also believes Mr. Stevenson is loyal to the United States and that he would recommend him for a position of trust with the Government.

Joseph D. Lohman, Treasurer, State of Illinois, Chicago, Illinois, advised he has known Mr. Stevenson since 1946 through their mutual association in politics. He said that on occasions he has worked closely with Mr. Stevenson. He stated that in 1949 he was appointed by Mr. Stevenson to the position of Chairman of the Parole and Pardon Board of the State of Illinois. He stated Mr. Stevenson exemplified an ideal attitude toward the administration of law enforcement and government in general. He said he was convinced that Mr. Stevenson possessed a very sincere attitude concerning the integrity of Government and, consequently, he has a great respect for Mr. Stevenson. Mr. Lohman described Mr. Stevenson as sensible, highly intelligent, restrained, conservative, and as "one of the last of the great Jeffersonian Democrats of the country." He stated he has always been impressed by the good work Mr. Stevenson has done for his country and that he has had occasion to see many examples of that good work. Mr. Lohman stated that he has made some trips to Asia and Latin America for the United States Government. He said that on these trips he had, in part, followed identical trips previously made by Mr. Stevenson and everywhere he, Mr. Lohman, traveled, he received nothing but favorable comments concerning Mr. Stevenson. Mr. Lohman stated that he has never heard anything derogatory or negative concerning Mr. Stevenson and that his loyalty to this country is above reproach. (u)

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He stated Mr. Stevenson is an individual who has the courage of his convictions, which would be a tremendous asset in any mission for the United States Government. He said Mr. Stevenson is very industrious and has an abundance of energy.

Mr. Lohman stated that as a result of his experiences in Korea he has become very sensitive to communist influence. He said he has always endeavored to evaluate the actions and words of "government and political figures" very carefully to see if such persons were inadvertently or innocently straying from a true American way of life. Mr. Lohman said he has never detected any such thing in any of Mr. Stevenson's activities or words. He said Mr. Stevenson could never be "taken in" by the communists since he is "too great an American citizen."

James B. Alley, attorney, New York City, advised that he and Mr. Stevenson have been close friends since 1923 when they were students in law school. He said that during the Summer of 1934 when he, Mr. Alley, was an employee of the Federal Government, he resided with Mr. Stevenson in Washington, D. C. He said he knows Mr. Stevenson's family very well and described them as outstanding American citizens. He stated he was very active in Mr. Stevenson's first campaign as a candidate for President of the United States. Mr. Alley said that in connection with the Alger Hiss case Mr. Stevenson was called as a character witness only because he happened to be one of many coemployees of Alger Hiss in Washington, D. C., at that time. He stated that this incident in no way reflects upon Mr. Stevenson's devotion and loyalty to the United States. He said Mr. Stevenson's character, reputation, and associates are above reproach. He also said Mr. Stevenson would make an excellent contribution in any service to his country. He highly recommended Mr. Stevenson for a position of trust and confidence.

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Information Concerning Alger Hiss

Alger Hiss, former employee of the State Department, was indicted on December 15, 1948, by a Special Grand Jury, United States District Court, Southern District of New York, on two counts of perjury arising out of his testimony that he had not turned over State Department documents to Whittaker Chambers, self-confessed Communist Party member and espionage agent, and had had no contact with Chambers subsequent to January 1, 1937. He was convicted on both counts on January 21, 1950, and was sentenced to five years imprisonment on January 25, 1950.

On June 22, 1949, during the trial of Alger Hiss, a deposition by Governor Adlai Stevenson of Illinois was read into the record. The deposition indicated that Governor Stevenson characterized Alger Hiss's reputation for integrity, loyalty and veracity as good. Cross interrogatories were also read into the record which indicated Governor Stevenson stated he was never in Alger Hiss's home; that he never heard prior to 1948 that Alger Hiss was a communist or sympathizer; or that Alger Hiss unlawfully removed documents from the State Department. (74-1333-3527) (u)

The following persons advised Mr. Stevenson is a very competent individual whose character, reputation and loyalty are above reproach. They all recommended him for a position of trust and confidence:

William J. Campbell, Chief Judge, United States District Court, Chicago, Illinois;

Dan A. Kimball, President, Aero-Jet General Corporation, Azusa, California;

Eugene J. McCarthy, United States Senator from Minnesota, Miami Beach, Florida;

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- J. Edward Day, Vice-President, Prudential Insurance Company, Los Angeles, California;
- Archibald MacLeish, professor, Harvard University, Cambridge, Massachusetts;
- Robert S. Kerr, United States Senator from Oklahoma, at Washington, D. C.;
- Herbert H. Lehman, former Governor of the State of New York, New York City;
- Reverend Paul Graebel, First Presbyterian Church, Springfield, Illinois;
- Thomas O'Donnell, Captain, Chicago Police Department, Chicago, Illinois, and former Superintendent of the Illinois State Police;
- James F. Byrnes, former Secretary of State, Columbia, South Carolina;
- William Attwood, Foreign Editor, "Look" magazine, New Canaan, Connecticut;
- August Heksher, President, 20th Century Fund, New York City;
- James Oates, President, Equitable Life Assurance Society of the United States, New York City;
- George Barry Bingham, President, Courier-Journal and Louisville Times Company, Louisville, Kentucky;
- Carl T. McGowan, General Counsel, Chicago and Northwestern Railroad Company, Chicago, Illinois;
- Walter V. Schaefer, Justice, Supreme Court of Illinois, Chicago, Illinois;
- Harry B. Hershey, Justice, Supreme Court of Illinois, Chicago, Illinois;
- Lloyd K. Garrison, attorney, New York City.

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Sixty other persons, including professional associates and social acquaintances, were interviewed during the previous and current investigations concerning Mr. Stevenson. Those acquainted with him professionally described him as a very capable individual. All persons stated that his character, loyalty, reputation and associates are above reproach. They recommended him for a position of trust and confidence.

Close Relatives

Mr. Stevenson's father, Lewis Green Stevenson, and his mother, Helen Louise Stevenson, are deceased. His sister, Mrs. Ernest (Elizabeth) Ives, resides at Southern Pines, North Carolina. He has [redacted]

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Credit and Arrest Checks

Information has been received from the appropriate credit reporting and law enforcement agencies indicating that their files contain either no record or no additional pertinent information concerning Mr. Stevenson or any of his close relatives with the exception of the following:

Mr. Stevenson was cited in January, 1937, at Berwyn, Illinois, for speeding and fined, amount unknown.

Agency Checks

Information has been received from the following governmental agencies indicating that their files contain either no record or no additional pertinent information concerning Mr. Stevenson:

Investigations Division, Civil Service Commission;

G-2, Central Records Facility, Army Intelligence Center, Fort Holabird, Baltimore, Maryland;

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Office of Naval Intelligence;

United States Secret Service;

Assistant Chief of Staff for Intelligence, Intelligence;  
Department of the Army.

Department of the Army, Washington, D.C.

The central files of the Federal Bureau of Investigation contain no additional pertinent information concerning Mr. Stevenson.

#### Passport Record

Records of the Passport Office, Department of State, reveal that from June 8, 1921, to April 29, 1959, Mr. Stevenson was issued passports or had existing passports renewed on thirteen occasions for travel abroad for study, travel and business. There was no additional pertinent information.

#### Clearances

The files of the Office of Security, Department of State, indicate Mr. Stevenson was granted a security clearance for access to classified information up to and including ~~TOP SECRET~~ on July 2, 1958, on the occasion of his visit to Moscow, Russia, during July, 1958. There was no additional pertinent information.

#### Bar Affiliations

Mr. Stevenson was admitted to the Bar on December 16, 1926, at Springfield, Illinois. He is a member in good standing of the Illinois State Bar Association and the Chicago Bar Association, Chicago, Illinois. No grievances have been filed against him.

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Miscellaneous

Informants who have furnished reliable information in the past advised that in September, 1941, the names of Mr. and Mrs. Adlai Stevenson, St. Mary's Road, Libertyville, Illinois, among others, were contained in the files of the "United Spanish Aid Committee" and the Veterans of the Abraham Lincoln Brigade, then maintained in the latter organization's offices in Chicago, Illinois, and the name of Adlai E. Stevenson appeared, among others, as a sponsor on a leaflet announcing a dinner to be held by the Southern Conference for Human Welfare on May 1, 1948, in Chicago, Illinois. (74-1333-3282)

Concerning the organizations mentioned above, it is noted that the Veterans of the Abraham Lincoln Brigade, the United American Spanish Aid Committee and the Southern Conference for Human Welfare have been cited as communist front organizations by the House Committee on Un-American Activities or by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450. (u)

The "Daily Record," a former daily newspaper, Chicago, Illinois, issue of October 19, 1938, contained an item entitled, "Duchess Raises \$1,500 for Spain Relief Ship." The article indicated that nearly \$1,500 had been raised for the "American Relief Ship to Spain" at a dinner in honor of the Duchess of Atholl. A list of prominent individuals who attended the dinner included the names of Mr. and Mrs. Adlai Stevenson.

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Concerning the organization mentioned above, it is noted that the American Relief Ship for Spain has been cited as a Communist Party front by the House Committee on Un-American Activities.

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✓ In January, 1945, an informant who has furnished reliable information in the past advised that William Card, Executive Secretary of the Chicago Council of American-Soviet Friendship, had mentioned the possibility of securing Adlai Stevenson as "Board Chairman" of the above-mentioned organization. The Chicago Council of American-Soviet Friendship is affiliated with the National Council of American-Soviet Friendship. (74-1333-3282)

Concerning the National Council of American-Soviet Friendship, this organization has been cited by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

In November, 1951, an individual who requested anonymity, and who has furnished reliable information in the past, furnished a copy of a membership list of the American Council, Institute of Pacific Relations, for the Spring of 1938. Among the names listed under the heading "Illinois" was the name Adlai E. Stevenson. (100-64700-1004-2274) (u)

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Concerning the above-mentioned organization, it is noted that the Senate Judiciary Committee has cited the Institute of Pacific Relations as a "vehicle used by the Communists to orientate American far eastern policies toward Communist objectives," and "members of the small core of officials and staff members who controlled IPR were either Communist or pro-Communist." "The American Communist Party and Soviet officials considered the organization 'an instrument of Communist policy, propaganda and military intelligence.'"

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Allegation Concerning Attitude Toward Communist Radio  
Operators in American Merchant Marine During World War II

On March 2, 1954, the "Washington City News Service," Washington, D. C., reported Rear Admiral Adolphus Staton, United States Navy, had testified before the "Jenner Committee" concerning screening of radio operators on merchant ships during World War II. Admiral Staton testified that Adlai Stevenson, then Assistant to the Secretary of the Navy, had said to him, "Well Admiral, I don't think we should be too hard on the commies."

(100-50782-65; 62-88217-1463; Vol I, 3/2/54 pg. 28)

Rear Admiral Adolphus Staton, United States Navy (retired), 3807 Bradley Lane, Chevy Chase, Maryland, advised during the current investigation he was recalled to active duty the day after the attack on Pearl Harbor to head a board appointed by the Secretary of the Navy to pass on the security qualifications of radio operators in the American Merchant Marine. He said the board was based upon a law which, in effect, provided that radio operators on ships of the American Merchant Marine whose loyalty to the United States was doubtful should be removed from ships during the war emergency. (4)

Admiral Staton said the decisions of the board were based upon information concerning the radio operators as furnished by the Federal Bureau of Investigation, Office of Naval Intelligence and "Army Intelligence." He stated the board had no difficulties in removing radio operators who possessed Nazi, Fascist or Japanese sympathies but as soon as the board began to recommend that some radio operators with communist associations be removed from their ships objections were raised by various radio operators and their attorneys.

Admiral Staton said that apparently the pressure not to consider membership in the Communist Party as basis for dismissal extended even to the White House. He said Secretary of the Navy Knox had Adlai E. Stevenson, who was one of his special assistants, look into the matter for him. Admiral Staton said, pursuant to Mr. Stevenson's request, he discussed with Mr. Stevenson six or seven of the cases concerning radio operators who had been dismissed by the board because of communist affiliations. Admiral Staton said Mr. Stevenson

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told him he had looked over the cases and said, "I don't think you fellows have anything at all on these people." Admiral Staton said he informed Mr. Stevenson the cases involved emergency legislation designed to protect merchant ships during the war and that the board was not accusing the radio operators of any offense but was simply acting to protect the interests of the United States by indicating that the loyalty of the radio operators to the United States was questionable to the extent that they should not be trusted on American merchant ships during the time of war. He said Mr. Stevenson then closed the discussion with the comment, "I don't think you ought to be too hard on the commies."

Admiral Staton said shortly thereafter President Roosevelt initiated a memorandum which Secretary of the Navy Knox read to a conference. This memorandum indicated that membership or suspected membership in the Communist Party was not to be considered as a basis for dismissing radio operators from ships of the American Merchant Marine. He said Secretary Knox stated he considered this to be an order and that it was to be obeyed. Admiral Staton said shortly thereafter the board stopped functioning. Admiral Staton said that in the Spring of 1943 he was asked to testify concerning the administrative procedures of the board at a preliminary hearing held by a House of Representatives Committee investigating the Federal Communications Commission. He stated he telephoned Mr. Stevenson for clearance prior to testifying. He said Mr. Stevenson told him to "go ahead and testify" since he was on the retired list. Admiral Staton said when he returned from the preliminary hearing he was informed by Mr. Stevenson: "Orders from the White House! You are not to appear before the Committee." Admiral Staton said he advised Mr. Stevenson that he had just returned from the preliminary hearing but Mr. Stevenson again repeated "that orders from the White House were that I was not to appear before the Committee."

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#### Mr. Stevenson's Alleged Ghost Writers

The September 24, 1956, issue of the "New York Times," a daily newspaper, New York City, contained an item on page ten entitled, "10 Ghost Writers Serve 4 Nominees." The article indicated Mr. Adlai E. Stevenson's "stable of writers" included

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Mr. John Hersey, a former writer for "Time" and editor of "Life" magazine, and John Kenneth Galbraith, a "professor of economics at Harvard." In a speech made at Chicago, Illinois, on October 27, 1952, by Joseph McCarthy, the late United States Senator from Wisconsin, he stated that "James Veschler" was one of Mr. Stevenson's speech writers. He said "James Veschler" was an admitted former member of the Young Communist League. (94-40154-27 X1; 62-96332-36)

Concerning John Richard Hersey, he was employed as a writer and editor by several magazines, including "Time." In 1949, Whittaker Chambers, a self-confessed former Soviet espionage agent and a former senior editor of "Time," advised that there was a Communist Party cell at "Time" in about 1939. He believed John Hersey, at that time a foreign news researcher and later a foreign news writer with "Time," was a member of the cell. Chambers also advised that in the early 1940's John Hersey was chief of the Moscow Bureau of "Time" and that information he supplied to "Time" was obviously and quite openly favorable to the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics. (u)

On June 8, 1950, John Richard Hersey indicated that in 1946 he became the recipient of large sums of money realized as financial gain from his writings and was solicited for contributions to certain causes. He stated he was misled into contributing to organizations which later appeared on a list "made up by the United States Attorney General in conformity with Executive Order 9835."

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Concerning John Kenneth Galbraith, mentioned above, he was investigated under the provisions of Executive Order 9835 in 1950 at which time he was employed as a consultant by the Department of Commerce, Washington, D. C. The investigation developed numerous persons who recommended Mr. Galbraith. It also disclosed that he had been reported to be a member of the National Citizens Political Action Committee in 1943. His military record indicated he had been a member of the American Federation of Teachers, Cambridge, Massachusetts. In 1938 the California Committee on Un-American Activities cited the National Citizens Political Action Committee as communist created and controlled; and in 1943 cited the American Federation of Teachers as a communist front. By letter dated March 2, 1951, the Civil Service Commission advised that the disposition of that case was "resigned or otherwise separated from Federal service prior to decision on loyalty." (121-22408) (U)

On February 16, 1959, a confidential informant who has furnished reliable information in the past advised that Mr. Galbraith contacted the Soviet Embassy, Washington, D. C., at the suggestion of Adlai Stevenson. Mr. Galbraith indicated that he was engaged in writing a book which would be a sequel to a recently published book "The Affluent Soviet." Mr. Galbraith desired to visit some of the industrial establishments of the Soviet Union and to familiarize himself with the Soviet economy. Mr. Galbraith indicated that Adlai Stevenson had contacted Yuri Zhukov, Chairman, State Committee for Cultural Relations with Foreign Countries, Moscow, for the purpose of arranging an audience for Mr. Galbraith with Zhukov. (S) (U)

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Concerning James Wechsler, mentioned above, he was designated Editor of the "New York Post," a daily newspaper, New York City, in May, 1949. In testimony before the United States Senate Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations of the Committee on Government Operations on April 24, 1953, and May 5, 1953, James Wechsler admitted that he had been a member of the Young Communist League and had terminated his membership in 1937. The Young Communist League has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450. (U)  
(100-26441-49)

Communist Party Attitude Concerning Mr. Stevenson

Confidential informants who have furnished reliable information in the past advised they had learned that in 1955 Albert E. Blumberg, head of the Political Action Committee, Communist Party, New York City, stated the Communist Party wanted Adlai Stevenson to run for President on the Democratic ticket in 1956: and in April, 1960. [redacted]

✓ Communist Party, stated that Adlai Stevenson was defeated during his last campaign for the Presidency because he was premature in calling for peace and disarmament. [redacted] said the Communist Party should support local "Draft Stevenson Clubs" in every way possible and encourage people who desired to see him drafted. (S) (U)

(100-3-72-1230: 100-3-43-1582)

Relations with Soviet Officials (S) (U)

A confidential informant\* who has furnished reliable information in the past learned on February 15, 1960, that Adlai E. Stevenson, 135 South La Salle Street, Chicago, Illinois, had previously received a letter and birthday greetings from Soviet Ambassador Menshikov, who also sent Mr. Stevenson a letter and birthday greetings from Soviet Premier Nikita S. Khrushchev. (S) (U)

According to the informant, Mr. Stevenson acknowledged both letters and advised Menshikov that he hoped to visit with him upon his, Mr. Stevenson's, return in April, 1960. (S) (U)

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from a business and tourist trip through South America. Mr. Stevenson expressed the hope that he and Menshikov could contribute to the constant improvement of prospects for world peace. (S) (U)

Directing his comments to Khrushchev, Mr. Stevenson thanked him for his thoughtful letter and birthday greetings and for his gift of Soviet wine and spirits delivered by Ambassador Menshikov. The informant learned that Khrushchev's letter brought memories to Mr. Stevenson of his conversation with Khrushchev at the Roswell Garst farm in September, 1959. Mr. Stevenson told Khrushchev he believed their conversation served a useful purpose. He expressed regret, however, that they have so little opportunity to exchange views about ways and means of improving prospects for peace and the well-being of all peoples. (S) (U)

According to the informant, Mr. Stevenson advised Khrushchev it appeared to him that arms limitation is still the most promising area for progress following the nuclear test agreement, which he trusts will soon be reached in Geneva. Mr. Stevenson expressed the belief that Khrushchev will agree that from there efforts must be made to explore broader areas of cooperation. (S) (U)

The "Washington Post and Times Herald," a daily newspaper, Washington, D. C., on September 24, 1959, contained an article captioned "Adlai Hints at Change in Premier's Views." That article pointed out that Premier Khrushchev was a guest at a picnic at the farm of Roswell Garst, described as a farmer, hybrid corn grower and banker. It stated that over 300 people, including Adlai Stevenson, were guests at the farm and added that Mr. Stevenson and Khrushchev had engaged in a serious conversation. (100-363673-332) (U)

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A confidential informant who has furnished reliable information in the past advised during 1960 that a high official in the Central Committee of the Communist Party of the Soviet Union made a statement indicating that Adlai Stevenson would be the ideal 1960 candidate for President of the United States because he had depth and understanding and is the most advanced of the "bourgeois leaders." [redacted] (S) (U)

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A confidential informant who has furnished reliable information in the past learned during the latter part of December, 1960, that Cyrus Eaton, Cleveland, Ohio, industrialist, was in contact with Mikhail A. Menshikov, Union of Soviet Socialist Republics Ambassador to the United States. Eaton informed Menshikov that he and his wife conferred with Adlai Stevenson on December 22, 1960, and Eaton suggested to Mr. Stevenson that a person of stature in the new administration should make a brief visit to the Soviet Union as a matter of courtesy following the Presidential Inauguration. It was Eaton's opinion that Adlai Stevenson would like to go. Eaton further informed Menshikov that he also mentioned to Mr. Stevenson the name of another person whom Eaton and Menshikov had previously discussed. Eaton stated that Mr. Johnson, not further identified, would in his opinion be looked upon as more important (than Mr. Stevenson) and that the Soviet people would be pleased with the visit. Menshikov queried Eaton as to the feelings of these people in this matter, and Eaton replied that Mr. Stevenson wants to go and that he expects to know Mr. Johnson's feelings in a few days. (S) (U)

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It was also learned that Menshikov discussed with Eaton the matter of a letter directed to Cyrus Eaton by Soviet Premier Khrushchev wherein Khrushchev expressed approval of a previously stated proposal made by Eaton for a number of influential representatives in the business world to confer and work on proposals for disarmament. (S) (U)

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A confidential informant who has furnished reliable information in the past learned that Eaton was in contact with Menshikov during the latter part of November, 1960, during which contact Eaton invited to the attention of Menshikov a letter which Eaton had received from Adlai Stevenson on the morning of November 21, 1960. Mr. Stevenson, in his letter to Eaton, requested that Eaton pay his, Mr. Stevenson's, respects to Messieurs Khrushchev, Mikoyan and Gromyko while Eaton was (S) (U)

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in the Soviet Union. Mr. Stevenson stated that he was disappointed that he missed the opportunity to speak with Khrushchev when Khrushchev was in this country this past Fall. Mr. Stevenson expressed a hope that Eaton would tell Khrushchev that he, Mr. Stevenson, looks forward hopefully and confidently to improved Soviet-American relations and that Mr. Stevenson felt sure that with good will and sincere purpose on both sides, a move can now be made toward a safer and saner world. Eaton, during his contact with Menshikov, commented that he hoped to have an opportunity to convey Mr. Stevenson's messages during his, Eaton's, stay in Moscow. (S) (U)

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SAC, San Francisco

December 21, 1960

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ROGER KENT  
SAN FRANCISCO ATTORNEY  
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Reurlet dated December 13, 1960, (San Francisco file 161-9) concerning the interview of Roger Kent, as well as the subsequent publicity regarding it, in the Special Inquiry investigation of Adlai E. Stevenson.

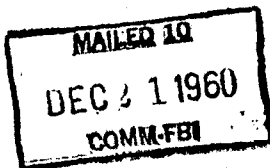
In the future, Roger Kent should not be contacted on any occasion unless prior Bureau approval has been obtained. Your attention is directed to the fact that Kent is an attorney in the firm of Crimmins, Kent, Bradley and Burns at 155 Montgomery Street in San Francisco, and that he resides at 200 Woodland Avenue in Kentfield, California.

NOTE: Roger Kent was interviewed concerning Adlai Stevenson on December 12, 1960. The following day, the "San Francisco Chronicle" contained an item stating that the FBI Agent who interviewed Kent "seemed embarrassed" and relating that Kent told the Agent, "Along with at least 28 million other Americans, I believe Adlai Stevenson is a loyal American."

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## Memorandum

TO : Mr. Parsons

DATE: December 8, 1960

FROM : A. Rosen *R*SUBJECT: SPECIAL INQUIRY - WHITE HOUSE  
(KENNEDY ADMINISTRATION)

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The detailed information which was available on Dean Rusk (the 7/20/60 summary) was furnished to Lawrence O'Brien, Assistant to the President-elect. He was most appreciative of the response to his special request. He read the summary and started to put in a call to the President-elect at New York but before actually putting the call through, changed his mind. O'Brien stated that the information he felt should be most fully studied by him before he made any recommendation to the President-elect and he was going to study the material and take it up with Kennedy on the morning of 12/8/60 as he felt Kennedy would undoubtedly want to read the summary himself.

O'Brien has made available a list of 21 names of prominent individuals of whom the new administration would like to have investigations. All are being considered for responsible positions in the incoming administration. The list is as follows:

Dean Acheson	Former Secretary of State
Dr. Ralph Bunche	Of the United Nations
Abram Chayes	Professor at the Harvard Law School
Archibald Cox	Professor at the Harvard Law School
Paul Freund	Professor at the Harvard Law School
Orville Freeman	Governor of Minnesota
Roswell Gilpatrick	Of New York City
Arthur Goldberg	Prominent labor lawyer
Fred Heinkel	Of Columbia, Missouri, a leader of agricultural groups

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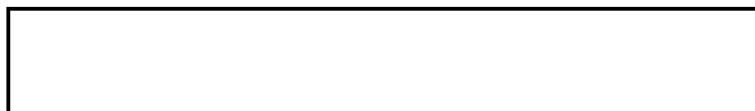
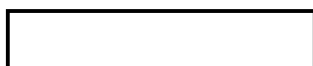
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Memorandum for Mr. Parsons  
RE: SPECIAL INQUIRY - WHITE HOUSE

Phillip Klutznick Chicago businessman

Herschel Loveless Governor of Iowa

George Stanley McGovern Member of Congress from South Dakota



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William Robert Poage Member of Congress from Texas

Frank Reeves Washington lawyer and prominent  
Negro leader

James Rowe Washington, D. C. lawyer and former  
Justice Department official

Adlai Stevenson

Thomas J. Watson, Jr. President of the International Business  
Machines Corporation

Byron White Denver lawyer who was active in the  
Kennedy campaign



Currently employed by the Democratic  
National Committee

Adam Yarmolinsky Now employed by the Democratic  
National Committee.

The foregoing investigations are being ordered today for immediate  
handling.

*Expedite.  
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In addition to the requests actually made, O'Brien has a list containing 88 other names of individuals who are being considered for appointments by the President-elect. O'Brien is having his files checked for identifying information concerning these 88 individuals and indicated that investigation on them would be requested within the next day or so. You will be promptly advised when these additional investigations are requested.

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# Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE: **1/21/61**

**FROM : SAC, CHICAGO (161-11)**

**ATTN: Special Inquiry Section  
Investigative Division**

SUBJECT: **ADLAI STEVENSON**  
**INFORMATION CONCERNING**

On January 16, 1961, [ ] who would not further identify herself, or identify the person alleged to have made the following statement, telephonically contacted SA RALPH D. HARMON to inquire if persons receiving sensitive appointments, such as to the United Nations, were given intensive investigation prior to such appointments.

After this question was answered in the affirmative, she stated that she had been giving this considerable thought and, after a party made a remark, felt it her patriotic duty as a loyal citizen to report same. She said that this individual, wearing tereador trousers, entered the room, sat down in the middle of the floor, and remarked, out of a clear sky, that, "Governor so and so (the person appointed to the United Nations) is one of us". She said from this person's appearance it was hard to determine the sex, and it caused her to wonder whether or not some of the innuendo and gossip about the Governor has any basis. According to the complainant, there was no reason for this individual to have made this statement and she had no way of knowing if this individual personally knew the Governor. The Complainant at no time referred to ADLAI STEVENSON by name, but left no doubt as to the identity of the person she was talking about. She also complained about the election results in Illinois.

SA HARMON appealed to the complainant to identify herself and also identify the person making the statement in order that same could be proven or disproved. It was pointed out that a person who was patriotic enough to make a call damaging the character of an individual holding an important Governmental post should identify the source so that the established facts could be ascertained rather

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than the hearsay given here. Complainant stated that she would think this over and may call back, then hung-up.

On January 17, 1961, [ ] identifying herself in this manner, telephonically re-contacted SA HARMON and advised that the individual making the above statement resided in the Diversey Avenue area of Chicago about three years ago. She said that this person visited the Doctor, not further identified, on two occasions during that summer for conferences regarding the person's condition, which paralleled that of CHRISTINE JORGENSEN. [ ] said that this person also remarked that the Governor "likes to dress as a woman and go out".

[ ] said that this person's card is still on file with the Doctor but was "one among thousands", and neither she nor the Doctor could recall the name. She further advised that she would continue to work on this and may call back in the future. She suggested that the people living near the Governor's penthouse in Chicago should be questioned concerning the Governor ever having dressed as a woman. (u)

It is believed from this complainant's conversation that she may be employed by or at the same place as the Doctor, and it is felt that this may be a clinic or institution in view of the fact that a private practice probably would not have "thousands" of cards. Further, both of these telephone calls were toll calls, as the operator broke in.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

## Memorandum

TO : Mr. Rosen *R*

DATE: 1/31/61

FROM : C. H. Stanley *CHS*SUBJECT: ADLAI EWING STEVENSON  
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Belmont	✓
Callahan	✓
DeLoach	✓
Malone	✓
McGuire	✓
Rosen	✓
Tamm	✓
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Mr. Evans

Investigation of Stevenson, who has been appointed Ambassador to the United Nations, was completed 1/4/61. Information had been received indicating Stevenson may be a homosexual, but no information was developed substantiating the allegation. No neighborhood inquiries were conducted at the time because of Mr. Stevenson's prominence.

On 1/25/61 we received from the SAC, Chicago, information that one [redacted] a female, telephonically contacted the Chicago Office on 1/16/61 stating she felt it her duty to report the following information concerning a person appointed to the United Nations. She refused to further identify herself or to name persons, places, or dates.

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She said when she "was in a room" an individual wearing treader trousers entered the room and remarked "out of a clear sky," that "Governor so and so (the person appointed to the United Nations) is one of us." She said because of the individual's appearance it was difficult to determine the person's sex and this caused her to wonder whether some of the "innuendo and gossip about the Governor has any basis." She at no time referred to Adlai Stevenson by name, but the Agent receiving the call stated she left no doubt as to the identity of the person she was talking about.

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On 1/17/61 [redacted] again telephonically contacted the Chicago Office and said the individual she had quoted in her call on 1/16/61 had visited "the Doctor" twice about three years ago concerning the person's condition, which paralleled that of Christine Jorgensen. [redacted] also stated the above-mentioned individual had said "the Governor likes to dress as a woman and go out." [redacted] suggested people residing in the vicinity of the Governor's penthouse in Chicago be questioned concerning the allegation that the Governor dresses as a woman. 7 1961

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Memorandum to Mr. Rosen  
RE: ADLAI EWING STEVENSON

Christine Jorgensen, mentioned above by [redacted] is an individual who underwent an operation involving the inoculation of female hormones which allegedly changed that person from a male to a female. In April, 1953, the New York Office received information indicating that Jorgensen had been an all-night guest of Cole Porter (noted composer and musician) who was known to be a "queer." [redacted]

ACTION BEING TAKEN:

In view of the anonymity and unknown reliability of [redacted] and the nonspecific information furnished by her, no action is being taken to disseminate or further inquire into this matter.

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## Memorandum

TO : MR. C. H. STANLEY *CHS*

DATE: 2/20/61

FROM : C. A. EVANS *✓*

SUBJECT: SPECIAL INQUIRIES

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Kenneth O'Donnell, Special Assistant to the President, has requested that copies of summaries of the special inquiry investigations conducted on Adlai Stevenson and Philip Klutznick be furnished to [ ] at the State Department.

In connection with additional requests for reports by [ ] Mr. O'Donnell has suggested that [ ] forward a list directly Mr. Evans and Mr. O'Donnell has approved releasing any reports which [ ] requests.

The reports on Stevenson and Klutznick are being furnished to [ ] at the State Department.

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# Memorandum

TO : Mr. Evans *E*

DATE: March 4, 1961

FROM : W. V. Cleveland *WV*

SUBJECT: ADLAI EWING STEVENSON  
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No information regarding this case should be disseminated without first clearing with Assistant Director, Courtney Evans. *(u)*

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MEMORANDUM FOR Mr. Callahan  
Mr. Rosen  
Mr. Belmont

Reference is made to my prior memoranda which transmitted to you the names of persons who are not to be interviewed unless compelling reasons dictate, in which event the matter should be called to my attention.

Attached is identifying data regarding Adlai E. Stevenson of Libertyville and Chicago, Illinois, concerning whom these instructions apply.

Very truly yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

John Edgar Hoover  
Director

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Enclosure

17 copies of attachment sent to Mr. Rosen

11 copies of attachment sent to Mr. Belmont 20 JUL 14 1961

NOTE: By teletype dated 12-10-60, the New York Office advised that when an attempt was made to interview him in the Special Inquiry investigation of [redacted] Stevenson adopted a contemptuous and uncooperative attitude and said, "This is a lot of nonsense. I'm a very busy man...." The Director noted, "See that Stevenson is listed not to be contacted at any time on any matter."

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TO :

Mr. Evans

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W. V. Cleveland

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ADLAI EWING STEVENSON  
SPECIAL INQUIRY

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*for*  
In accordance with the Director's request, there is enclosed herewith a copy of the summary memorandum concerning Stevenson, United States Representative to the United Nations, former Governor of Illinois and twice unsuccessful candidate for President. We conducted the investigation in December, 1960, at the request of the Kennedy Administration.

There was an allegation of homosexuality developed during the Stevenson investigation and information concerning that was included in the letter of transmittal which accompanied the summary when it was personally delivered to Lawrence O'Brien of Mr. Kennedy's staff on 12-29-60. The following summarizes information which was included in the transmittal letter and was not in the summary:

In 1953 [redacted] at request of the trustees of Bradley University, Peoria, Illinois, conducted an investigation concerning Bradley President, David Owen. [redacted] report allegedly contained information indicating Stevenson and Owen were homosexuals. Two versions of information contained in the report were received. One was that Stevenson and Owen were members of an elite homosexual group in New York where Stevenson had the feminine name Adelaide. The other version that the "Queens Morals Squad," or the "State's Attorney," Queens, New York, in 1950 or 1951 raided a gathering of homosexuals at an unknown place in New York City and Stevenson and Owen were found to be present. No arrests or charges reportedly were made.

We made discreet inquiries at [redacted] Bradley University, and the New York City Police Department (NYCPD) in an effort to resolve the matter. All known copies of [redacted] report reportedly have been destroyed. Deputy Commissioner, James R. Kennedy, NYCPD, contacted in the absence of Commissioner Stephen Kennedy, advised there was no "Queens Morals

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- 1 - Mr. Belmont
- 1 - Mr. DeLoach
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Re: Adlai Ewing Stevenson

Squad" or "State's Attorney's" office. He said he felt sure if persons of prominence were found under the circumstances mentioned above, he would have been aware of that fact. He said there was a possibility that information concerning the above-mentioned raid may have been developed or the raid conducted by the Office of District Attorney Frank S. Hogan, New York County, in connection with an investigation of bribery of Bradley University basketball players which was conducted by Hogan's office.

[redacted] connected with Press Associates, Incorporated, Chicago, Illinois, in 1953 possibly may have been the source of the information developed by [redacted] There is some question as to [redacted] reliability and he was not contacted concerning the matter.

Rumors that Stevenson is a homosexual have been attributed to disgruntled officials of the Illinois State Police and [redacted] assigned to Hogan's office for [redacted] years, confidentially furnished information to the New York Office in 1950 indicating the rumors may have emanated from the Peoria, Illinois, Police Department (PD) or Bradley University basketball players.

The Superintendent of the Illinois State Police, during Stevenson's Administration as Governor, furnished favorable information during the investigation. In 1952, in connection with rumors that Owen was a homosexual, the Chief of the Peoria PD and three other PD officials, including two National Academy graduates, concurred in the belief that the rumor was initiated by one [redacted] basketball star, involved in the fixed games to put pressure on the Bradley staff to compel cessation of the investigation.

When Stevenson was about fifteen years old, he accidentally discharged a shotgun killing a young girl cousin. Stevenson's ex-wife stated she has heard rumors that Stevenson's sister, Mrs. Ernest L. Ives, was threatening to tell "what really happened in that room when the cousin was shot."

One person said he heard rumors from unrecalled sources Stevenson's divorce from his wife was due to his unfaithfulness and misappropriation of her money.

ACTION:

For the Director's information.

*[Handwritten signatures: "Kegne", "CWS", and a large stylized signature]*



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# Memorandum

TO : Mr. Gale

DATE: 6-9-65

FROM : W. V. Cleveland

SUBJECT: "TREASON IS THE REASON"

by Frank A. Capell

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In captioned book Capell has cited case histories of 206 so-called security risks whom he claims are currently in the Government. One of these is Adlai Ewing Stevenson, Ambassador to the United Nations, concerning whom Capell states as follows:

"Stevenson's acquaintance with a known homosexual came to light when Robert Woetzel was arrested on November 24, 1955, at 1:15 a.m. in Lafayette Park, Washington, D. C., on a morals charge. The police records showed that at the time of his arrest four letters from very prominent people were found on Woetzel's person. One of these letters was a very personal one from Adlai Stevenson to him which began 'Dear Robert,' and thanked him for 'his recent visit.' More recently Robert Woetzel has been living at 370 Riverside Drive, New York, New York, and had been teaching at New York University, Washington Square, in the Greenwich Village Section of New York City."

There is attached a copy of the Identification Record for Robert Kurt Woetzel, FBI Number 92 871 C, which shows that he was arrested on a morals charge by the Metropolitan Police Department on November 24, 1955.

Information has been received from NK 2544-S\* indicating that Capell's sources are attempting to locate the letters allegedly in Woetzel's possession at the time of his morals arrest, one of which letters was allegedly from Adlai Stevenson.

Enclosures

- 1 - Mr. Belmont
- 1 - Mr. DeLoach
- 1 - Mr. Sullivan
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Memorandum to Mr. Gale  
RE: "TREASON IS THE REASON"  
by Frank A. Capell

OBSERVATIONS:

It is felt that the information in Capell's book regarding Stevenson and the Identification Record concerning Woetzel should be disseminated to the White House and the State Department. Further, it is believed that the Washington Field Office should discreetly check Metropolitan Police Department records to determine the circumstances regarding Woetzel's morals arrest on November 24, 1955. This can be legitimately done on the basis of the information in Capell's book without any reference being made to other information we have received regarding this from NK 2544-S\*. (u)

ACTION:

Attached is an Airtel to WFO instructing that discreet efforts be made to determine the full circumstances surrounding the arrest of Woetzel on a morals charge by the Metropolitan Police Department on November 24, 1955. Upon receipt of the results of this discreet check, appropriate dissemination will be made to the White House and State Department.

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Mr. Gale

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W. V. Cleveland

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1 - Mr. Gale  
1 - Mr. Cleveland  
1 - Mr. Egan

"TREASON IS THE REASON"  
BY FRANK A. CAPELL

As set forth in my memorandum dated 6-9-65 (attached) the Washington Field Office was instructed to discreetly check the circumstances surrounding the arrest of Robert Kurt Woetzel on a morals charge by the Metropolitan Police Department on 11-24-55 inasmuch as Frank A. Capell in his book "Treason is the Reason," which was released 4-26-65, claimed that Woetzel at the time of his arrest had in his possession a letter from Adlai Stevenson which began "Dear Robert" and thanked him for "his recent visit." Capell described Woetzel as an individual who has been teaching at New York University.

Washington Field Office in its airtel of 6-16-65 (attached) confirmed the arrest of Robert Kurt Woetzel on 11-24-55 on the charge of disorderly - masturbator. Inasmuch as Woetzel was then a private in the U. S. Army he was turned over to the Armed Services Police Department, Washington, D. C., on 11-24-55. When checked on 6-14-65 it was determined that the records of the Metropolitan Police Department contain no information concerning a letter in the possession of Woetzel from Adlai Stevenson and no information indicating that Woetzel was acquainted with Stevenson. It was determined that the property book at the Metropolitan Police Department covering this arrest has been destroyed. It was stated that when a prisoner was turned over to the Armed Services Police Department, it was customary to turn over to that department all of the prisoner's property.

SAC Letter 63-30 dated 6-25-63 reveals that a Robert K. Woetzel of New York University was then directing a research project concerning organized crime for the Ford Foundation. Woetzel was said to have been the author of an article in May, 1963, in which he advocated legalizing various vices on which organized crime prospers and proposed legalizing homosexual relations between consenting adults in private.

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MEMORANDUM TO MR. GALE  
RE: "TREASON IS THE REASON"  
BY FRANK A. CAPELL

OBSERVATIONS:

In order to bring this check to a logical conclusion, it is felt that Washington Field Office should make a discreet check with the Armed Services Police Department, Washington, D. C., to determine if personal property in Woetzel's possession contained the letter referred to by Capell. (u)

ACTION:

There is attached an airtel to the Washington Field Office instructing that a discreet check be made of the records of the Armed Services Police Department, Washington, D. C., concerning Woetzel.

This should be routed to the Domestic Intelligence Division for its information.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM: SAC, WFO (62-New) (C)

"TREASON IS THE REASON" BY  
FRANK A. CAPELL  
(SPECIAL INVESTIGATIVE DIVISION)

*Adlai Stevenson*

ReBuairtel to WFO dated 6/10/65.

For information of the Bureau, the record keeping system of the Morals Division, Metropolitan Police Department (MPD), varies somewhat with the usual procedure at the MPD primarily due to the nature of the information necessarily set out in statement of fact sheets regarding most Morals Division arrests. In certain Morals Division arrests (particularly perverted sex offenses or homosexual activity), obscene facts are necessarily included in the statement of facts. The Morals Division procedure involves the actual preparation of two statement of fact sheets, each showing the full identity of the individual arrested, the time and place of arrest and the charge on which arrested, on the face of each sheet. On the reverse of each statement of facts sheet, the arrested's friends and associates, employment history, and education is set out. On the face of the sheet filed in the general repository at the MPD for statement of facts sheets filed with those reflecting arrests

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by other divisions of the MPD only a very brief narrative concerning the facts surrounding the immediate arrest are set forth. While on the other statement of facts sheet prepared by the Morals Division, a full detailed narrative with complete facts leading to the immediate arrest is set forth. This full detailed statement of facts sheet is at all times maintained under lock and key in the office of the Commanding Officer of the Morals Division and accessible only through this Commanding Officer; it is regarded as being highly confidential in nature.

The entire investigation in this matter at the Morals Division and elsewhere at the MPD was conducted on the date indicated by SA LOREN E. BEACH.

On June 14, 1965, Inspector SCOTT MOYER made available all information in Morals Division files regarding ROBERT KURT WORTZEL. The entire information in Morals Division regarding this individual consisted of a statement of facts sheet regarding ROBERT KURT WORTZEL, aka BOB, a white male arrested 11/24/55, at 1:15 a.m. in Lafayette Park, Washington, D. C., on the charge of disorderly - masturbator, who at the time of his arrest was a private in the U. S. Army, Serial Number RA 10611190, with the address of "Command Management School, M" Company 929 T. U., Fort Belvoir, Virginia, the arresting officers listed as Inspector ROY E. BLICK and CHARLES E. RINALDI. This statement of facts reflects that the arrested was born 12/5/30, at Larchmont, New York, that he had been in the District of Columbia area ten months, and has MPD Number 150070. Under the statement of facts as to this charge section the following details appear (facts recorded by Officer RINALDI): (u)

"Around 12:25 a.m., I was in Lafayette Park with Sergeant FOCHETT. At this time I went into the men's room. I noticed this defendant standing at one of the urinal. I approached one of the urinal. At this time I noticed that defendant had an erection and that he was rubbing and stroking his penis very briskly. At this time another man entered the men's room and approached one of the urinal. (This other man was subsequently arrested). The above defendant (WORTZEL) was still rubbing and stroking an erect

penis. While he was doing this, he kept looking at me and the other man. Before the other man entered the room, WONTZEL made no attempt to hide his privates. Rather he was standing a little away from the urinal and what he was doing was quite visible from where I was standing. At the time WONTZEL left the room and a few seconds later I placed him under arrest out in the park on one of the walks. I brought him over to where Sergeant POCHETT was with the other defendant. WONTZEL at first stated that he had been drinking and was fooling around in the men's room. He was sent to the C. C. B. via a wagon and later questioned in the Morals Division office. He stated the following: He said that he had been drinking and was walking around the park. He stated that for a while he waited for a bus thinking he could get one for Fort Belvoir there at the park. After, he realized he was wrong and started to walk toward 12th and Pennsylvania Avenue to get a bus. He states that he only vaguely remembers being in the men's room and does not remember what happened in there. He states he is not a homosexual and has never had any abnormal relations. He claims no previous arrests. This man states that he cannot remember from where he came before being in the park. He states that he was just wandering around and had been in the park quite some time. He says that besides looking for a bus he was aimlessly wandering around the park. He states that eventually he realized that his bus was at 12th and Pennsylvania Avenue and not near the park."

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This statement of facts sheet reflects that WONTZEL was turned over to the Armed Services Police Department, Washington, D. C., for handling by the military.

For the information of the Bureau, C. C. B. is the term used by MPD officers to designate central cell block, MPD Headquarters.

On the reverse side of this statement of facts sheet appears the following background information:

FAMILY AND RELATIVES

Mother: Age 45, EVA GUMPRICH  
 Address: 80 Park, Larchmont, New York

Father: Age 55, KURT  
 Address: 80 Park, Larchmont, New York

FRIENDS AND ASSOCIATES

Ambassador JOHN L. STEWART; address, Ambassador to China, living in District of Columbia

JULIAN SINGMAN; address, 6000 13th Street, N. W.

Professor WILLIAM CASEY; address, Columbia University, New York

WORK HISTORY

<u>Date</u>	<u>Employer</u>	<u>Address</u>	<u>Occupation</u>
11/55	In the Army	Fort Belvoir, Virginia	Private
1947 - 1949	Time Magazine	New York City	Editorial work

MILITARY RECORD

Army from August, 1954 to present.

EDUCATION

Grade completed 19, Oxford University, England .

On 6/14/65, Inspector MOYER advised that when a prisoner was turned over to the Armed Services Police Department by the Morals Division, it was customary to turn over to this Police Department all of the prisoner's property.



Inspector MOYER has advised that it was the policy of his predecessor in this office, Deputy Chief ROY E. BLICK, to always appear and interview any prisoner who held a high position in Government or was well known and whose arrest would make the news media or who indicated an intimate acquaintance with news worthy persons.

On 6/14/65, from records made available in the Morals Division by Inspector MOYER, it was determined that BLICK did not appear at the Police Department at the time WOETZEL was taken into custody or before he was turned over to the Armed Services Police Department.

On 6/14/65, a review of the "Tour of Duty Report" prepared by Officer RINALDI for the day on which he arrested WOETZEL determined that this report made no mention of WOETZEL being acquainted with ADLAI STEVENSON and made no mention of any letters on the person of WOETZEL when he was arrested.

On 6/14/65, a review of the "Visitor Log" which is maintained on a daily basis in the Morals Division reflects that [redacted] of the Fourth CID visited Inspector BLICK's office on 11/28/55 with regard to the arrest of ROBERT K. WOETZEL.

On 6/15/65, under a suitable pretext, the central cell block arrest book in which the arrest of WOETZEL was reflected was reviewed at the Record Room, No. 1 Precinct, MPD, and found to reflect that WOETZEL was turned over to "DRIGGERS", Armed Services Police Department, 3:00 a.m., 11/24/55, and that property taken from the prisoner was itemized in Property Book 307 on page 282. This case is carried in this cell block arrest book as No. 19561.

On 6/15/65, Inspector MOYER advised that all property books are destroyed by the MPD three years after the date of the latest entry in a particular book. Hence, the above book has long since been destroyed.

At no place in the records of the Morals Division, the central cell block arrest book or otherwise at the MPD is there any description of the property taken from WOETZEL at the time of his arrest. It is pointed out that the statement of facts sheet regarding WOETZEL does not identify the other man arrested at the time.

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Inasmuch as the above incorporates all the information available at the NYD concerning WONTZEL's arrest 11/24/55, WFO is conducting no further inquiry in this matter.

WFO indices reflect that one Dr. ROBERT K. WONTZEL, an Associate Professor in the Department of Government, New York University and Adjunct Associate Professor of Political Science at Fordham University, is referred to in SAC let No. 63-30 dated 6/25/63, as the director of a research project on organized crime for Ford Foundation. (u)

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PERSONAL ATTENTION, SAC

Airtel

To: SAC, Washington Field (107-)

From: Director, FBI [REDACTED]

"TREASON IS THE REASON"  
BY FRANK A. CAPPELL  
(SPECIAL INVESTIGATIVE DIVISION)

Reference is made to Bureau airtel dated 6-9-65  
and to your airtel of 6-16-65.

It is desired that WFO in a discreet manner make  
an appropriate check of the records of the Armed Services  
Police Department concerning Robert Kurt Woetzel so that  
the inquiry in this matter may be brought to a logical  
conclusion.

As previously instructed you should attempt to  
determine whether Woetzel had in his possession at the time  
of his arrest a letter from Adlai Stevenson as alleged by  
Capell in his book "Treason is the Reason."

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FROM: SAC, WFO

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by FRANK A. CAPELL  
(Special Investigative Division)

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ReBuairtel to WFO to personal attention SAC.

Reairtel requested WFO, in a discreet manner, make an appropriate check of the records of the Armed Forces Police concerning ROBERT KURT WOETZEL.

On 6/21/65 SA CALVIN R. FORD personally checked the Master Index Card File of the Armed Forces Police, U. S. Navy Yard, Washington, D. C., re above name. No record was noted under this spelling and in addition all cards were checked with names starting WO. SA FORD was advised that these records are up-to-date until approximately 1960; however, prior to that time some could have been destroyed and would not be in file. (u)

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# Memorandum

TO : Mr. Marshall

DATE: JUN 29 1973

FROM :

SUBJECT: ADLAI STEVENSON

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The above captioned file is presently maintained in the Special File Room of the Records Section, Files and Communications Division. You are requested to have the substantive supervisor, responsible for this matter, review the file to determine if it is necessary to continue to maintain the file in the Special File Room, or whether it may be returned to the regular file sequence. The appropriate notation should be made on this memorandum which should be returned to the Filing Unit, Room 1116 IB. This memorandum will be filed in the case file to record the action taken in connection with this review.

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## Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE: 11/29/77

FROM: SAC, WFO (161-22)

☐ RUCSUBJECT: ADLAI EWING STEVENSON  
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Enclosed are 1 items.

These items are forwarded your office since:

☐ All logical investigation completed in this Division☒ You were OO at the time our case was RUC'd.

Enclosures are described as follows:

SIGNED STATEMENT OF ADMIRAL ADOLPHUS STATON (12/19/60)

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Washington, D.C.  
December 19, 1960

I, Rear Admiral Adolphus Stator, United States Navy (retired), 3807 Bradley Lane, Chevy Chase, Maryland, at the request of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, voluntarily furnish the following statement to John J. Gorman who has identified himself to me as a Special Agent of the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

I am willing to appear before a Security Hearing Board in the presence of Adlai E. Stevenson and/or his counsel and to be questioned by them.

I was retired from the United States Navy in 1937 but was recalled to active duty the day after Pearl Harbor to head a Board appointed by the Secretary of the Navy to pass on the security qualifications of radio operators aboard ships of the American Merchant Marine. The legal basis for the operation of the Board was a law passed by Congress the day after Pearl Harbor which provided in effect that radio operators in ships of the American Merchant Marine whose loyalty to the United States was doubtful should not be kept in their ships during the war emergency.

The decisions of the Board were based on information concerning the radio operators as furnished by the Federal Bureau of Investigation, Office of Naval Intelligence and Army Intelligence.

The Board had no difficulties in getting rid of



radio operators who possessed Nazi, Fascist or Japanese sympathies, but as soon as we began to recommend that some of those with communist affiliations be removed from their ships objections were raised by them and their attorneys.

Apparently the pressure not to consider membership in the Communist Party as evidence for dismissal by the Board extended even to the White House and Colonel Knox, who was Secretary of the Navy at the time (spring of 1942), had Adlai E. Stevenson, who was one of his special assistants, look into the matter for him. I received a telephone call from Stevenson who said he would like to discuss some of the cases and when I arrived he had about six or seven of the cases before him of radio operators who had been dismissed by the Board for communist affiliations.

Stevenson said that he had looked over the cases and stated "I don't think you fellows have anything at all on these people." I informed Stevenson that this was emergency legislation designed to protect merchant ships during the war and that we were not accusing these men of any offense but simply acting to protect the interests of the United States by indicating that their loyalty to the United States was sufficiently in doubt for them not to be trusted in American merchant ships during war (25)

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Stevenson then closed the discussion with the comment "I don't think you ought to be too hard on the Commies."

It was shortly thereafter that President Roosevelt initiated a memorandum which Secretary of the Navy Knox read to a conference held in his own office that membership in the Communist Party or suspected membership in the Communist Party was not to be considered as a basis for dismissing radio operators on ships of the American Merchant Marine. Secretary Knox stated that he considered this an order and that he wanted it obeyed. Shortly thereafter our Board stopped functioning.

In the spring of 1943 I received a telephone call from a representative of a House Committee investigating the Federal Communications Commission asking me to testify at a preliminary hearing concerning the administrative procedures of the Board which I headed. Although I was retired at the time I thought it proper to obtain clearance from the Department of the Navy prior to testifying. On phoning the Navy Department I was informed that Stevenson was handling the matter for the Navy Department. I phoned Stevenson who told me to go ahead and testify since I was on the retired list. When I returned to my business office from the preliminary hearing there was a message for me to call Stevenson. When I called he stated "Orders from the White House! You are not to appear before the Committee." I informed him that I had

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just returned from the preliminary hearing and he again repeated the statement that orders from the White House were that I was not to appear before the Committee.

In regard to Stevenson's moral character and reputation, I have no reliable information in that regard.

I have read the above statement consisting of four pages and find it to be true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

Adolphus Staton

Witness:

John J. Gorman

Special Agent

Federal Bureau of Investigation

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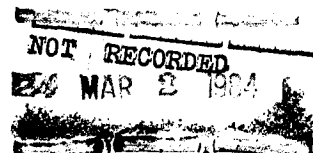
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